Year 6

Term 1 2024/2025

The Tudors

English

This term will begin with a focus on Skellig by David Almond. We will use this text in both writing and reading lessons. Pupils will write a setting description by drawing upon their reading. There will be a strong focus on vocabulary choices and we will spend some time recapping the use of expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely. Pupils will explore the impact of different sentence types upon the audience.

We will use The Viewer by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan to inspire our writing in the second half of this term. Pupils will learn to use figurative language effectively. They will write a detailed diary entry as their final piece.

Maths

Our learning will begin by revising and extending pupils' knowledge of place value. This will lead to developing pupils' rounding skills and their understanding of negative numbers. Pupils will use their new knowledge to multiply and divide decimal numbers. Later in the term, our focus will move to formal methods using all four operations. Pupils will apply their skills to a range of problem solving activities.

Science

In term one, pupils will be learning all about living things and their habitats. We will classify animals using various methods. Following this, Year 6 will learn about microorganisms. We will conduct an investigation to find out about the conditions which affect growth.

History

This term, we will be learning about the Tudors. Pupils will find out about the monarchs and place them in chronological order. We will research the life of King Henry VIII. Pupils will learn about medicine in the Tudor period and compare the rich and poor. Finally, we will find out about crime and punishment which links with our trip to Tudor World.

Art /Design Technology

Term one will be DT in which we will be doing textiles. Pupils will learn different sewing techniques in order to join fabric together and make embellishments to improve the aesthetic of items. They will think about the purpose and effectiveness of their choices. Pupils will utilise their skills to make a Tudor cushion.

Music

Pupils will continue to learn the clarinet this year. We will also listen to music from the Tudor

PSHE

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term will focus on 'Being Me In My World.' This will include exploring the meaning of 'diversity'. Our value this term is kindness.

Computing

This term, Year 6 will explore how data is transferred over the Internet. Pupils will look at how the Internet facilitates online communication and collaboration; completing shared projects online and evaluating different methods of communication. Finally, we will learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the Internet.

Physical Education

This term, we will be learning to play football. Pupils will practise maintaining possession when dribbling under pressure. They will need to select the appropriate skill in situations and know how to create space to support a teammate. Pupils will also improve their defensive techniques before taking part in a tournament.

We will also be doing OAA (outdoor adventurous activities). Pupils will work individually, in pairs and in groups to solve problems - practising leadership and negotiation skills. We will share ideas to create strategies and plans to produce the best solution to a challenge. OAA also allows us to develop map reading skills.

Religious Education

In RE this term, Year 6 will be studying Islam. Our key question is: What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?

Geography

The term will begin with a focus on London's landmarks and statistics. We will then think about how the city has changed over time, comparing Tudor London to modern day. Taking inspiration from a portrait of Queen Elizabeth I, pupils will look at a 1570s world map and consider the development of maps and globes. Pupils will conclude the term by doing a research project based on a country of their choice.