



# Year 6 Curriculum Letter



## Spring 2 2022

Below is an outline of some of the exciting things your children will be learning this half term. Please remember reading books are to be in school every day and PE kits worn with correct footwear on PE days.

### English

In this half term we will be looking at detective/mystery stories. Our main text will be "The London Eye Mystery" by Siobhan Dowd. We will focus on what makes an effective mystery story by unpicking and then emulating these techniques. The concept of what a detective might look and act, how clues can be left and how red herrings are used to throw the reader off the real culprit. This will give us plenty of practice and writing suspense and linking our action, description and dialogue.

For the final part of the half term, we will be reading and writing some Explanation Texts. As non-fiction these will give us plenty of opportunities to solidify our presentation techniques such as headings, bullet points and chronological order. We can't wait to dive in!



### Maths

We will begin this half term by looking at two-step problems in Math's. This will allow the children to develop their ability to read and decipher the meaning of a question and use multiple methods to answer them. Moving on we will focus on angles and how to measure as well as calculate them by using given information of other angles. Algebra will come next and the children will learn how they can substitute a number for a letter and develop this to write their own formulae and then we will even simplify equations!

In preparation for the upcoming SATs in May the children will also face a variety of questions from all of their previous learning to both consolidate, and allow for more practice of, certain skills before their assessments in Summer 1.

### Science

Children will begin this unit by learning how all living things can be classified. They will then progress to learning about smaller things: micro-organisms and mini-beasts! Once mastered, the children will look closer at the subgroups of living things such as marsupials, monotremes and amphibians. It should be a very interesting and exciting topic!

### History



History will have a very British focus this half term. We will go all the way back to the 5<sup>th</sup> Century and then work forward until we reach 1066 and the Battle of Hastings. While moving forward in time, we will learn about a wide variety of different time periods. We will cover the Anglo-Saxons, the Vikings and the Normans. For these groups we will focus on their rulers, their reasons for going to war and methods of winning them, and also day to day life and key features of the time period.

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## Music

We are really looking forward to our Music unit! We will be focusing on singing. We will begin by listening and appraising songs as well as looking at details about the artist and what this song makes us think and feel. We will then progress to learning and singing the song 'You've got a friend' before accompanying with various instruments so we can perform it to a small audience.



## RE

During RE this half term, we will be completing the unit of "Easter – who was Jesus?" which has strong links with the Christian values of faith, hope and humility. The unit will explore how Jesus would have been thought of by other characters in the Bible. This will then lead to the titles that Jesus had bestowed on him by others and also titles that he gave himself such as "I am the light..." John 8:12. Finally we will explore the concept that who Jesus was can mean different things to different people based on their age, gender, faith or ethnicity but how certain aspects remain constant and unwavering.

## PE

PE we will be focusing on two different units. With Miss Howard we will be learning about dance and how to imitate and also innovate our own moves with a Viking theme. In our other sessions we will be learning the rules and techniques of tennis and how this sport can be played with precision and control. We are really looking forward to these fun and exertive exercises!

## Computing

Throughout this half term we will be completing a Purple Mash unit based on blogging. We will identify the purpose of blogging before planning and writing our own blogs and even commenting on others. Once the unit is complete children will still have access to their blogs and can continue to post and update as often as they wish.



## PSHE

Our Spring 2 unit is called "Healthy Me" and will focus on how we can keep our bodies healthy. This will cover diet and physical exercise as a key staple to ensuring that we develop and grow in a healthy way. Then we will explore the effects of substances such as drugs or alcohol on the body and the harm these can have. First aid and emergency procedures such as the recovery position will also be taught and finally children will look at how to keep our minds healthy and use some techniques to control our emotions and our worries.

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