

Autumn One in Year 6

English

This first half term will begin with letter writing. We will look at both formal and informal language and the language of persuasion. We will be basing this work on the book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We will also focus on writing our own traditional tales based on the narrative 'Hansel and Gretel'. This will give the children the opportunity to participate in drama and focus on the quality of the language they are using.

Our grammar and punctuation focus for this half term will be on manipulating sentence structure, the use of different verbs, adverbs and forms. We will also focus on the use of commas to clarify meaning and using different parenthesis.

We are
reading...



This half term we are reading 'Windrush Child' which is an invaluable story for anyone who enjoys adventure and would like to know more about the Windrush generation's experience. We will be exploring the themes, difficulties and hardship that faced the Windrush pioneers and how we can apply our values when thinking about how we treat each other.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on ensuring the children are confident with place value within 10,000,000. This will include confidently reading and writing numbers, partitioning, comparing, ordering and rounding. There will be a focus on the four operations, including problem solving and knowing rules of divisibility, primes to 100 and squares and cubes. There will be written calculation work as well as the order of operations and using brackets in maths.

Science

Living Things and Their Habitats.

During this topic, children will learn about the scientist Carl Linnaeus and why he was a pioneer in the study of classifying living things.

We will also be able to describe how living things are classified into groups according to common characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.

Art

Illusions

In this unit of work we will be exploring how artists create perspective in their work and how they create realistic interiors. We will focus on the learning what foreshortening is and how it is used in artwork, particularly comic books. We will be looking at examples of perspective and how to trick the viewer with our work. Finally, we will focus on what optical art is and how artists use line and colour to create illusions.



History

The Windrush Generation

Our history topic will be focused on the themes of community, democracy and power which will be taught through studying 'The Windrush Generation'. This is an exciting topic which will focus on where the Caribbean is and its rich history, how the people of the Caribbean helped Britain and what life was like for the Windrush pioneers.

Religious Education

The first two weeks of this half term will focus on Creation. We will be exploring the message of Laudato Si and the story of Moses and the Burning Bush in Exodus 3:1-15.

We will then focus on the topic 'The Dignity of the Human Person' in which we will focus on the Christian values which inform love of neighbour and oneself and how they are important to human life.

This will then be followed by Family and Community, focusing on building up the Kingdom of God.

Music

This half term we will be focusing on the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. We will be listening and appraising, playing warm-up games, improvising and singing.

This is a lovely, upbeat song which I'm sure the children will enjoy performing.

PSHCE

How can we keep healthy as we grow?

We will be looking at how mental and physical health are linked, and how we can make positive choices which support a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

During this term we will be thinking about who we can speak to if we have any concerns.

Computing

Photography

During this half term, we'll be learning how to take photographs of everyday objects with distinctive characteristics that you can enhance to tell imaginary stories. You'll discover how to photograph objects in a variety of lighting conditions and at different angles, and then adjust focus and exposure to optimise your images.

PE

Gymnastics

We will be performing different shapes and balances with a partner, demonstrating counter balance and counter tension and creating our own gymnastic sequence.

Netball

We will be able to pass and catch a netball with consistency, accuracy and control. We will also be able to shoot a netball with some accuracy and apply it to a game of netball.