

Spring 2 in Year 6

English

This half term we will be focusing on newspaper reports and traditional tales.

We are reading...

During our newspaper writing unit, we will be focusing on complex sentences and using time adverbials. We will look at cohesion and the use of bullet points as well as the subjunctive form. There will be a focus on brackets, colons and ellipsis as well as using shifts in informality and passive voice. This will end in an independent write on our own newspaper article.

During our traditional tales unit we will be looking at Hansel and Gretel. This is a short piece of writing in which we will look at using inverted commands and conjunctions to begin our stories, the use of powerful adjectives and modal verbs and ensuring we use a range of punctuation, including a semi-colon and commas for effect.



This half term we will be reading 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell. We will join plucky heroine Sophie, her eccentric guardian Charles, and her intrepid orphan allies on the rooftops of Victorian Paris. They will encounter suspense and adventure that will keep us on the edge of our seats right to the heartwarming end.

Maths

This half term we will be incredibly busy with even more learning, assessments and the continuation of using past papers to help build confidence and understanding.

We will begin the half term with looking at decimal multiplication and division, moving on to matching fractions to decimals and percentages. We will revisit percentages but looking at them in more detail and then focusing on word problems. We will then move on to perimeter and area, including triangles and quadrilaterals as well as calculating volume.

Science

Animals, Including Humans: Water Transportation

We will be revising circulation and digestion, looking at how these two systems are connected. We will be focusing on the kidneys, what they do and how they keep us healthy. We will also be looking at the importance of water and why dehydration is very serious.

Art

We will be creating a meal for a class of Year 6 children which is appetising to this age group but more importantly incorporates ingredients to make up a healthy, balanced, nutritional meal. This may develop as a home made pizza.



Geography

This half term we will be studying physical processes: earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes. We will be looking at what makes up the layers of planet Earth, what tectonic plates are and where they can be found, how they move and what happens when they meet or separate. We will also be focusing on what causes earthquakes and the effect of them. We will look at how mountains are formed and how volcanoes work.

Religious Education

This half term we will begin by understanding the Christian values which inform love of neighbour and oneself. We will also look at Jesus' attitude to sinners and the responsibility to do good. We will then be focusing on Lent - option for the poor and vulnerable. We will learn about who needs our help, how we can help and know that God calls all of us to speak out about injustice. We will focus on Lent being a time to change and that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent.

Computing

Video

This half term we will be using the camera's manual controls to change focus and exposure, creating split-screen and picture in picture overlay effect in iMovie. We will also be adding transition effects and lower third titles.

PSHCE

We will begin this half term with looking at menstruation and how babies grow in the womb, the miraculous process of human life and how we are not replaced when a new baby comes along. We will then be looking at the nature of God's call to love others with a focus on Zacchaeus' conversion. We will then look at feeling under pressure and how to deal with the pressure we may feel from our peers.

French

This half term the children will learn to use a combination of present and near-future tense, and become familiar with holiday-related vocabulary around packing a suitcase and planning a journey. They will explore which countries they might visit and why, and ultimately research and plan a holiday to France.

PE

Rugby/Creative Games

We will be able to pass a ball backwards with accuracy to a teammate and apply simple tactics to a rugby-type game. We will be able to kick a rugby ball with some accuracy and confidence as well as applying simple attacking and defending tactics.

Net and Wall Tennis

We will be able to demonstrate forehand and backhand with consistency. We will be learning to pass a ball to continue a rally and incorporate tactics to score points.