



This term the Year Six topic is **The World and its Creatures**
The topic offers many cross-curricular opportunities and will, where possible, be linked to learning in maths, English.

This term's topics

- Life on earth
- Classification of organisms
- The Anglo-Saxons – The battle for control of England
- How Christianity and Jesus life have changed the lives of millions

Autumn Term in Year Six

This year the children will be experiencing a range of new and exciting topics. Alongside these new topics we will be revisiting some of the key concepts that have already been learnt in order to help children build on this further and broaden their knowledge. I hope that the following information is useful in helping to support your child in their learning.

Home Learning

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 20 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child's understanding and explain their thinking.

There will also be one to two pieces of curriculum based work. These should be completed by pupils within a 45 minute timeframe.

Work will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Please also use the websites listed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Useful Websites and Resources



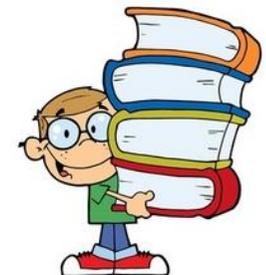
- *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo
- *The Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll
- *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes
- *Beowulf* (a variety of versions)
- *First News*
- www.weatherspark.com
- GoogleEarth
- The Met Office
- www.sundaytimes.co.uk

Class visits, visitors and special events

- Junior Citizen
- Local secondary school staff
- Visit from the Time Travelling Teacher



Picasso's Guernica



This term, as part of their core subjects of study...

Maths

There will be a strong emphasis on problem solving and reasoning. You can help your child by asking them to explain the methods they are using to solve problems in homework tasks. It is also important to practise multiplication tables with them. There will be weekly challenges using these!

The children will be revising and extending their learning about place value and number, space, shape, data handling and measures. They will also be developing their logical thinking and investigative skills and applying this knowledge in weekly maths investigations. Where possible, these will be related to our Humanities and Science topics.

English

This term the children will be:

- writing descriptions and diary entries based on Kensuke's Kingdom.
- discussing how poets manipulate words for their quality of sound and rhythm and rhyme.
- Analysing and commenting on the messages, moods and feelings conveyed in poems.
- Studying a range of fiction genres and experimenting with their own fiction writing
- Using a range of oral techniques to present persuasive arguments.
- composing letters and leaflets to persuade an audience of their viewpoint.

Science

The children will be considering how plants and animals adapt to their environment so as to ensure their continued survival. They will be using branching keys as they study the classification of living things. They will also study evolution and inheritance, as part of a new scheme of work introduced in the new National Curriculum.

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you all had a lovely summer break. Hopefully you will find the information in this newsletter informative but please do contact me if you have any questions or concerns. If you would like to follow our work, please sign up to our ClassDojo service.
Mr Allton

As part of their wider, topic related studies...

History

- the departure of the Romans and the division of Britain into Saxon Kingdoms
- the arrival of the Vikings and Danelaw
- the reign of King Alfred and his battles with the Vikings
- the invasion of the Normans, culminating in the battle of Hastings

Computing

This term the children will:

- Look at e-safety across a range of different systems and media
- Be introduced to early coding skills as they attempt to make their own APP

P.E.

Children will need their PE kits in from Monday to Friday. This term they will be developing their hockey skills and extending their core fitness through gym sessions in the hall.

R.E / PHSCE

This term the children will research the work of Jesus, explore how he changed the lives of those he met and taught and consider how he still changes the lives of people living in today's world.

Nearer to Christmas, they will be studying the facts and myths around the birth of Jesus.
In PSHE, they will consider what it means to be a responsible citizen.

Geography

The children will study the geography and climate patterns of the Tropics.

Art / Design and Technology

In art, the children will experiment with sculpture. They will create individual sculptures on a small scale, as well as work in groups to create larger works.

For their DT project, they will be designing and making a meat based dish. As part of this scheme, they will learn how to store, handle and cook meat safely.

Music

Children will learn about composition, pulse, rhythm, and pitch sequence as they study the singing of rounds.

The children will be studying "I'll be there" by The Jackson Five

Modern Foreign Languages

(French)

Topic – 'On y va'

- Children will be studying a range of vocabulary around this topic, including means of transport and directions.