

Maths

We have 2 main areas of this subject this half term- Place Value and The Four Operations.

Place Value: revising and extending our understanding of the value of digits, rounding, ordering and negative numbers. This will include decimal numbers.

The Four Operations: We will be revising, practising and extending our ability to use standard written and mental methods to add, subtract, divide and multiply amounts. We will be using decimal numbers and amounts within a context e.g. Money. This will include problem solving tasks and investigations.

Once a week we will have a lesson focusing on mental maths strategies to reinforce the children's number fluency.

To support your child at home, please test them on their times tables and encourage them to think about maths in everyday situations, for example, shopping, baking, cooking and DIY.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Religious Education (R.E.)

PSHE – We will be thinking about, discussing and being given the opportunity to discuss the current situation due to covid-19 and how this may have impacted upon us. This will be done in a careful, discrete way.

RE- We will be looking at Christianity. We will focus on the main themes of this religion and try to relate them to our own lives. There will be lots of discussion in these lessons.

Science

Our first Science topic in Year 6 is Evolution and Inheritance where we learn about how traits and features are inherited from parents. We study fossils and why they are important evidence of the past. We also look at how different species have evolved over time including the theories of human evolution.

Autumn 1 2020 – Gunpowder, Treason and Plot!

English

During this half term we will continue to focus on writing fluently and neatly, according to the school style.

We will be reading Black Powder during the school day and will do Guided Reading activities linked to this text. Please support your child with their homework by questioning them about their reading and by asking them the meaning of the spellings they are learning.

In writing sessions, as well as having 'free writing' opportunities, our main writing journey will be creating a non-chronological report where the children will create their own creature and describe it in a more formal way. We will look at examples of texts already written, plan our reports before drafting, editing and proofreading them to ensure a final, well-finished piece.

Initially, our grammar focus will be to revisit basic skills to consolidate previous learning. We will then move onto the more complex areas of grammar, for example, colons and semi colons, the passive voice and the use of parenthesis. We will also be considering how grammar can be used to enhance our writing.

History

In History, we will be delving in to the early 17th Century a time of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We will be researching the reasons why the conspirators wanted to assassinate King James I and his government and followers. We will be asking ourselves which side would we have been on, if we had been there.

We will also be considering the differences between the Parliament of the early 17th Century and that of today. We will be looking at Democracy and how our country is governed; how MPs are elected and what their role is. The class will take part in mock debates, debating issues that are important to them.

P.E.

In PE we will be having one outdoor session a week every MONDAY. Our focus is the game of Hockey where we will practise and hone the skills of passing, moving with the ball, holding our stick correctly and shooting. We will play team games and get the chance to create our own versions of the game too.

Art

Our art is linked to our Science topic where our theme is 'fossils'. We will create clay ammonites and then practice our drawing skills by copying a range of fossils. We will look at a range of artwork that has been inspired by fossils, which will lead to each child creating their own end piece in their own style with chosen media.

Computing

We will be learning about the parts of a computer system and their purposes. Also about the different search engines and how they may bring up different web-sites and information. We will also be learning and practising how to use our school email in readiness for homework! This will also be an important skill for Secondary School.