



Year 6 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Spring 2 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading – In Guided Reading, we are studying the book 'Wonder'. We will be looking at characters and themes in the book but also answering comprehension questions based on these using our VIPERS scheme. We will use these skills in VIPERS:

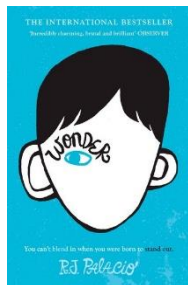
Vocabulary
Infer
Prediction
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



Religious Education (R.E.) – In RE, we will be looking at Lent and Holy Week. We will be focusing on the actions and true meaning of Lent and looking in detail at the events of Holy Week. We will focus on Jesus' suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane, the true meaning of the word sacrifice and symbols to represent Holy week.



Writing – In English this term, we are studying 'Wonder'. We will be writing a balanced argument about whether children should be home-schooled and a complaint letter based on August's school tour. The children will spend 2 weeks on each unit of work and will have a piece of writing for each genre.



Maths – In Maths we are focusing on Area and Perimeter, Geometry and Position and Movement. Children will also continue to practise their arithmetic skills by using 'Hot Brain' in every maths lesson, with a focus on times tables, addition and subtraction, etc. It is important that the children know all of their times tables as this will help them in all lessons.



Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – This term, we will be looking at Grammar Practice.

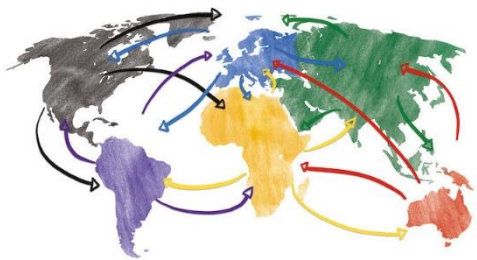
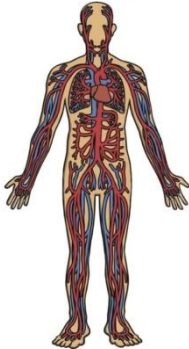
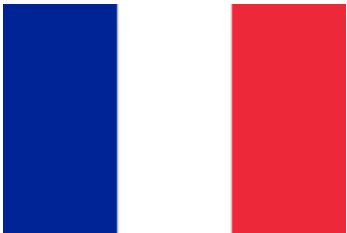
Week 1 – explore the four types of sentence - statement, command, exclamation and question.
Week 2 – explore prepositions
Week 3 – explore prepositions further
Week 4 – explore modal verbs
Week 5 – revision

Spellings

Mental Maths -

This half term, we will focus on:

- Fractions
- Short division and Long Division
- Long Multiplication
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Measurements

We will have a spelling test on a Friday. The spellings for each week will be glued in your child's planner at the start of each term: Week 1 - words ending in -cial Week 2 - words ending in -tial Week 3 - words with a soft 'c' Week 4 - word families based on common words Week 5 - word families based on common words	Mental maths will be taught through the use of mental maths sessions, daily use of Freckle and 'Hot Brain' sessions where the children will focus on arithmetic style questions.
Geography - In Geography, we will start to look at Globalisation. We will look at what globalisation is, how globalisation affects different countries, looking at how shipping containers help the transport of goods and whether the internet has helped or hindered trade and globalisation. 	Science – In Science, we will be looking at Diet and Lifestyle. The children will be looking at what makes a healthy lifestyle, why different people need different lifestyles and the effect exercise has on the muscles. We will also be looking at the circulatory system and the effect drugs, nicotine and alcohol has on our bodies. 
Computing – This term, we are looking at Data and information - Introduction to Spreadsheets This unit introduces the learners to spreadsheets. They will be supported in organising data into columns and rows to create their own data set. Learners will be taught the importance of formatting data to support calculations, while also being introduced to formulas and will begin to understand how they can be used to produce calculated data. Learners will be taught how to apply formulas that include a range of cells, and apply formulas to multiple cells by duplicating them. Learners will use spreadsheets to plan an event and answer questions. Finally, learners will create charts, and evaluate their results in comparison to questions asked.	French – In French this half term, the children will be focusing on the following topics: • Recap Prepositions • Requests • Furniture 
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – The children will learn about God's design for creating new life through an understanding of menstruation, fertility, conception, foetal development in the womb and childbirth. They will also develop their Religious Understanding exploring the nature of God's call to love others. The children will study and reflect imaginatively on the story of Zacchaeus' conversion and explore ways in which they can hear God's call in their lives and learn about coping with pressure and being able to identify it in its many guises. The children will use role play to explore scenarios to gain deeper understanding.	Music – In Music this half term, the children will be focusing on composition using a full range of chromatic notes taught for the first time. Structure will be relaxed, giving the student more freedom to express music ideas and influences.

Physical Education (P.E.) – In PE this half term, the children will be focusing on Tennis and Volleyball. They will learn the importance of playing in team games and the skills required for each sport.	
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Other Important Information

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 10th February – CAFOD speaker in school
- Thursday 22nd February – Young Voices choir
- Tuesday 27th February – Choir perform at Church
- Wednesday 28th February – Year 6 at St Thomas More – Art – Print Making
- Wednesday 28th February – Parents Evening 2-6pm
- Friday 1st March – Choir perform at 2.45 pm for parents
- Tuesday 5th March – Author Visit
- Thursday 7th March – Hands on Science Workshop – Heart dissection
- Friday 8th March – World Book Day – Pyjamas theme (bedtime stories)
- Wednesday 13th March – Year 6 on Farm Trip
- Tuesday 19th March – St Joseph's Feast Day
- Wednesday 20th March – Stations of the Cross
- Thursday 21st March – One Life Music – Retreat Day
- Friday 22nd March – World Maths Day / Egg Diorama Competition

Homework in Year 6

- Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes – please sign your child's planner to show that this has been completed.
- Spellings will be stuck into planners and shared on the class page of the school website. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on **Fridays** each week.
- Mental Maths – The focus for the mental maths test each week will be displayed on the class website page. Please help your child to practise at home. Mental Maths tests will take place on Fridays each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to me at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment- I am here to help. ☺

Miss Maher and Mrs Cornes