

Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 2022–2023

Our theme for the end of Autumn Two is:

Extinct?

We will be concentrating on:

- What the world was like in prehistoric times.
- Why animals become extinct.
- How Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Our theme will last for:
8 weeks

Design and Technology

We have a great opportunity for some practical Design and Technology with our D&T week. We are going to be sewing envelope bags to store cards for a Top Trumps game all about dinosaurs.

Religious Education

In R.E., we will be learning about Buddhism. We are going to look at a general introduction to the Buddhist faith which will include: investigating the Buddhist way of life; looking at the Buddhist Prayer Wheel and the life of Buddha.

This half-term's 'No Outsiders in our School' book is...

The Only Way is Badger by Stella J. Jones and Csar-men Sladana. We will be using the book to aid us in discussions all about freedom of speech, as well as helping us to consider our use of language.

P.S.H.E.

For P.S.H.E this half-term, we will be becoming entrepreneurs. We are going to discuss what an enterprise is and have a go at pitching our own business ideas.



Behaviour and Safety

We will be thinking about how our behaviour can affect others. Because Anti-Bullying week is this half term, we will be raising our awareness of types of bullying, what it is and how to stop it. To do so, we will be making posters to display around the school to help those younger than us. For Anti-Bullying week this year, we will also be looking at online bullying and the implications this can have.

P.E.

For the second half-term, we will focus on netball. We will learn this exciting new sport and refine our passing and catching skills. These sessions will be mostly inside so please ensure your child has trainers and appropriate clothes.

P.E. lessons take place on a Friday, however if your child could have their P.E. kits in school at all times, this would be useful.



English:

In English this half term, we will be focusing on non-fiction texts. We will be continuing to focus on our grammar and sentence construction, which we will use to help us write extracts of non-fiction texts. Using exciting examples of various text types, we will also be writing:

- A newspaper article about an amazing fossil discovery
- Using Jurassic Park for inspiration, we will create an exciting narrative all about dinosaurs
- With our amazing creativity, we will design a new animal and create an information text all about them
- Finally, we will be using our debating and persuasion skills to campaign for an animal currently on the endangered animals list

It would be extremely beneficial if you could talk to your child about our exciting new topic. Perhaps have a look on the internet for some more information or go to the library. If it is open and you are able to go, the New Walk Museum has a great free exhibit about dinosaurs and extinct animals.



History

We will try our hand at archaeology and look in great detail at what life was like during prehistoric times. Our main focus for History will be learning about how life changed between the Stone Age and the Iron Age, with a particular focus on the movement of people.

Science

Science will be a core element of our topic in the this half-term. Our key focus will be looking at evolution and how scientists believe this is how different species are formed. We will be looking in great detail at Charles Darwin, plant and animal adaptation, and how eco-systems can be significantly altered if one species was to become extinct. Finally, we will look into key scientific issues, such as how genes can affect offspring differently.

Music

Children will be continuing to learn how to play the steel pans. Having looked at scales and the basics of the playing the steel pans last half-term, we will build on this by developing our playing skills and learning some musical compositions.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes, as a minimum, every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and looking at over the half-term will be shared via Seesaw over the coming weeks and these can be discussed, practised and looked at whilst at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of the words and see if they can put them into a sentence! Maths and English homework will be set on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. A topic project will be set in the coming weeks on Seesaw - this one can let your creativity take hold! If your child is having any issues accessing Seesaw, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. **Spellings will be assessed in class throughout the week based on the words that come up in English and Topic lessons. There will no longer be a weekly spelling list sent home for the children to learn.**

Important Dates:

w/c 24th October—Black History Week
31st October—Wonder Day
w/c 31st October—Maths. Investigation Week
w/c 7th November—D&T Week
8th and 10th November—Beaumanor Hall Trip
w/c 14th November—Anti-bullying Week
w/c 5th December—Hour of Code Week

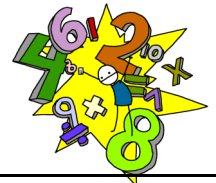
Mathematics

In this half term, we will continue to focus on number as well as shape and measures.

- Generalising arithmetic - this unit will build on our calculation skills from earlier in the term and will focus on applying those skills to problem solving and word problems, such as those that we might see in our S.A.T. papers
- Reasoning with measures - we will be exploring the area and volume of shapes and how to apply formulae to find these, as well as applying these skills to trickier problems
- Exploring Shape—through this unit, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, as well as how to calculate the area and perimeter of a range of compound shapes

To help your child at home, you could spend time practising times tables and developing their mental calculation skills when doing things such as shopping.

Every Friday, we will be practising our arithmetic skills with an arithmetic paper. We will then recap questions on the paper to embed our key calculation knowledge.



Art

During this topic, we will be looking at the first pieces of recorded art - cave art! We will then be getting in touch with our inner cave person to create our own. We will also be creating a wide range of Iron Age themed artwork using a variety of different techniques such as watercolours, collages and technical sketches. We can't wait!



Computing

We will be using our comprehension skills to look at an anthology of poems called, "Beneath the Screen." These poems will help to develop our knowledge of e-safety and how we can look after ourselves online.



French

During our French lessons this half term, we are going to be developing our conversational French even further by discussing our favourite food and drink in our French topic called, "Manger et Bouger."

