

# Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2019

Our theme for 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:

9 weeks

### French

In French, we will be looking at healthy eating and how to talk about our favourite foods, what we like to do in our spare time and activities we do at the weekend.

### Religious Education

In R.E., we will be learning about Buddhism, starting with a general introduction in which we look at the clothes, symbols and the prayer wheel.

### Philosophy for Children (P.4.C.)

We will be discussing:

- Should museums be banned?
- Is there more future than past?
- Why is it important to remember events from the past?



### 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 for around the school to help those younger than us.

### P.E.

This term P.E. will focus on netball. We will learn this exciting new sport and refine our passing and catching skills. These sessions will be mostly outside (weather permitting) so please ensure your child has trainers and appropriate outdoor clothes.

All P.E. lessons take place on Monday pm and Friday pm. 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. Using exciting examples of this text type, we will be writing:

- A biography about our lives so far - from birth to Year 6!
- A newspaper article about dinosaur bones being discovered in the local area
- A class book detailing extinct creatures in the style of the book 'Small and Tall Tales of Extinct Animals'
- A diary entry of a famous fossil hunter/dinosaur expert
- 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. 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.

### Science

Science will be a core element of our topic this 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 the food webs of endangered animals and how these can be significantly altered if one species was to become extinct. Finally we will look into key scientific issues such as global warming and deciding whether this had an impact on the dinosaurs.

### Shared home learning:

Please spend 20 minutes, as a minimum, reading with your child every day and asking questions about what they read to test their comprehension of the book. **Spellings are set every Friday and assessed the following Friday. Before new spellings are given out, we complete a pre-test to help us assess children's learning in that spelling pattern. It is very important that pupils learn their spellings as it helps them with their writing and it is also an area which is assessed at the end of the year.**

### Important Dates:

w/c 21st October—Black History Week  
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th November—First Aid Training  
Monday 11th November—Odd Socks Day  
w/c 11th November—Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 15th November—London trip  
Thursday 29th November—6BW Family Assembly  
Thursday 29th November—Christmas Art Day  
Wednesday 11th December—Christmas Fayre

### Mathematics

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

This will be done through two-weekly units.

- Solving calculation problems - we will be continuing the unit begun before half-term and will be securing our multiplication and division skills
- Exploring shape - we will be consolidating our angles knowledge (particularly focusing on finding missing angles) and will be introducing the parts of a circle and how they relate to one another
- 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

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



### 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 extinct animal and dinosaur themed artwork using a variety of different techniques such as watercolours, collages and technical sketches. We can't wait!



### Computing

Next half-term we will be continuing our e-safety work by exploring poems which touch on important themes. Throughout the half-term, we will be using our Computing skills to support our work across the curriculum.

During this half-term, we also have our 'Hour of Code' week where we will be building on our coding skills using a range of iPad apps.

