



Year 6 Spring (2)

English

Key Text: 'On Thousand and One Arabian Nights by Geraldine McCaughrean

This term, your child will continue to develop their writing, exploring a range of techniques in fiction and non-fiction pieces. They will be considering appropriate vocabulary choices for their writing, considering their audience and intended outcome. Children will be expected to become more independent at checking and editing their own writing too. Alongside their key text, they will read poetry by Fanny Choi and scripts for the nature programme 'Our Planet'. They will be checking their knowledge and understanding of grammar terms and spelling rules as well as learning how to spell and use the Y6 statutory words correctly.

How you can help your child at home:

Daily reading aloud and regular discussions about what they have read, especially the meaning of new words they meet in their books, is always beneficial. Discuss different types of texts that we read and their purpose. Completion of any homework sent home, presented neatly, will also help your child progress.

This website has activities for practising grammar and spelling rules::

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrd2p>

Geography Locational Knowledge

Your child will be investigating how geographers compare and contrast different land areas around the world. Specifically, they will be comparing where they live to Canada and Brazil, investigating key physical and human characteristics.

How you can help your child at home:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/canada>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/amazon-facts/>

Maths

This half term, your child will be learning about fractions, decimal fractions and percentages and the relationship between them all. We will look at how to calculate area, perimeter and volume of shapes as well as using and interpreting statistics correctly.

How you can help your child at home:

Regular practice of times tables and the related division facts, using TTRockstars or quick fire questions from you.

Completing any homework set and discussing what fractions, decimals and percentages are (eg part of a whole amount)

Talk about when and where they might need to calculate areas, perimeters and volumes of amounts in real life.

Science What is Evolution and Adaptation?

Famous scientist: Charles Darwin

Your child will learn about the theory of evolution and how living things adapt to survive in their environment over time.

They will also be learning about the life and work of the scientist Charles Darwin.

How you can help your child at home:

Ask your child to explain to you what they have learned about the evolution and adaptation each week. Discuss the vocabulary that is on the science sheets in the Class pages on the school website.

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Charles-Darwin/353038>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcw>

French

Your child will be learning core vocabulary linked to verbs (including irregular verbs) they will also be consolidating their knowledge of how to talk about themselves in French lessons.

How you can help your child at home:

Ask your child to teach you the words and phrases they have learned in class each week.

Encourage your child to access the French games on Language Angels: www.languageangels.com (click login, then select Pupil games)

Login: Withymoor2018

RE Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on the Earth?

Children will be considering how and why the Easter story and Jesus are still important to people.

How you can help your child at home:

Discuss the importance of respecting other beliefs and opinions.

Music

Your child will continue to learn to sing harmonies, follow signals for singing together and learn to read notation when singing.

How you can help your child at home:

Encourage your child to practise new songs they learn.

RHSE: Living in the Wider World

We will be learning how to evaluate social media, the impact of sharing images online and taking responsibility for their use of technology. They will also be continuing to learn about money and how to use it responsibly.

How you can help your child at home:

Talk to them about how to keep their personal information safe and secure, especially if they are accessing websites online. Ask them about the apps and websites they use and discuss their age appropriateness. Discuss how to save and spend their own money (or yours!) carefully!

Design Technology: Computer Aided Design

Your child will be using resources provided by the Dyson Foundation, exploring how engineers use Computer aided Design and prototypes when trialling solutions to problems.

How you can help your child at home:

Discuss how technology has impacted on our lives. Which ones have had a positive or negative impact on our lifestyles?

Computing

E-safety - your child will be learning more about how to keep safe online and how to be a responsible internet user.

Your child will be learning how to create multi modal texts.

How you can help your child at home:

Ask your child what they have learned about how to use the internet safely. The link below has some useful learning about the internet

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f>

PE

Your child will be learning how to develop strength, flexibility, technique and balance in a range of team games. They will also be combining these skills with creativity in their dance lessons.

How you can help your child at home:

Continue to encourage your child to be as active as possible and discuss the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you for your continued support.

With thanks,

Mr Brown, Mr Anderson & Mrs Brettell

