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English

Our English learning will begin with recount writing, using Pig Heart Boy as inspiration to write from a character's perspective. We will then move onto narrative writing linked to Shackleton's Journey, developing our descriptive language, characterisation and storytelling skills. Throughout the term, children will continue to develop their use of Year 6 grammar and punctuation, including relative clauses, parenthesis and modal verbs. In Reading, we will explore Shackleton's Journey, practising retrieval, vocabulary, inference, explanation and summarising skills.

Maths

In Maths, children will complete their learning on multiplication and division, focusing on mental strategies, the order of operations and solving multi-step problems. We will then move onto fractions, learning to simplify, compare, order and calculate with fractions, including mixed numbers. Children will also explore multiplying and dividing fractions before moving onto converting units of measurement. Throughout the term, we will continue to develop arithmetic fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Science

Our Science learning will focus on living things and their habitats. Children will explore how living things are classified into groups according to their characteristics. They will learn about the work of Carl Linnaeus and how scientists use classification systems to identify different organisms. Children will also investigate microorganisms and consider how living things can be grouped based on similarities and differences.

History and Geography

In History, we will complete our exploration of crime and punishment through the ages, considering how laws, punishments and attitudes towards crime have changed over time. In Geography, we will continue investigating the UK economy, exploring different types of economic activity and considering how industries can become more sustainable.

PE

In PE, children will develop their gymnastics skills through matching and mirroring movements with a partner. They will create and perform sequences, focusing on balance, coordination, control and timing. In Health Related Exercise, children will explore different ways to improve their fitness,developing their understanding of strength, stamina, flexibility and the importance of regular physical activity.

DT

Our DT learning will focus on textiles and upcycling. Children will explore how unwanted fabrics and materials can be reused to create new products. They will design and make their own Christmas decorations, developing their cutting, joining and sewing skills. Throughout the project, children will consider the importance of sustainability before evaluating their finished products against their original designs.

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RE

In RE, children will continue exploring Christianity. They will investigate important Bible stories and prophecies, considering why Christians believe Jesus was sent by God. Children will explore the significance of events surrounding Jesus' birth and consider how these link to Christian beliefs about salvation.

Computing

In Computing, children will explore how websites are designed and created. They will investigate the features of effective websites, including navigation, images, hyperlinks and page layouts. Children will plan and design their own webpages, considering their intended audience and the importance of using images responsibly.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will explore equality, diversity and inclusion, considering the importance of treating others fairly and respecting differences. They will challenge stereotypes, explore equal opportunities and consider how communities can support and include everyone. Children will also learn about the importance of support networks and develop their understanding of online safety.

Music

Our Music lessons will focus on singing and developing children's vocal skills. Children will learn and rehearse a range of Christmas songs, exploring melody, rhythm, pitch and expression. They will develop their confidence in singing together, focusing on timing, clear diction and harmonising.

French

In French, children will explore the theme of celebrations through our unit, 'Let's Party!' They will learn vocabulary linked to parties, special occasions and celebrations, developing their confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing in French.

Important Dates

- 10th–17th November: School Book Fair
- 13th November: Children in Need & Diabetes Fundraising Day
- W/B 16th November: Join Your Child for Maths
- 18th November, 5pm: Residential Parents' Information Meeting
- W/B 30th November: Year 6 Practice SATs Week
- 7th December (AM): Year 5/6 Christmas Performance
- 10th December (PM): Year 5/6 Christmas Performance
- 16th December: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner
- 18th December: Elf Run