

What is my child learning at school this half term?

Year 6 Autumn 1



English writing and reading

As writers, we will be using *Freedom Bird* by Jerdine Nolen and *Paradise Sands* by Levi Pinfold as inspiration. We will write narrative pieces that include dialogue to entertain and convey a message, alongside persuasive letters where we will learn to clearly express and justify our view points.

As readers, we will study a range of texts to develop our retrieval, vocabulary and inference skills. Each class will also enjoy their own class read..

P.E.

In gymnastics we will be studying how to move with both of our feet off the ground. We will look at different types of jumps and landings.

On Mondays and Thursday, we need to come to school wearing our Lily Lane tracksuit.

Science

As scientists, we will be learning how living things are classified into broad groups based on their observable characteristics, exploring similarities and differences between micro-organisms, plants and animals. We will also develop our understanding of how and why scientists group living things, giving reasons for classifying them based on specific characteristics.

Geography

As geographers, we will explore why rainforests are important to our planet and our lives. We will learn about key geographical features such as latitude, longitude, the Equator and time zones, and use this knowledge to locate rainforests around the world. We will also begin to understand how these features help us describe places and explain patterns such as climate and day and night.

Computing

As computer scientists, we will be learning about social media and being safe online. We will explore how to keep ourselves from danger when using social media and the Internet.

Art

As artists, we will study the work of Maria Sibylla Merian, who carefully observed and recorded tropical rainforest species in Suriname

RE

As theologists, we will explore whether religion is best expressed through art and architecture or through charity and generosity.

P.S.H.E

In PSHE, we will be looking at our year ahead and thinking about how we can be good citizens. We will look at our rights as children and see how our behaviour can impact upon others.

Music

As musicians, we will learn and perform the song *Hey, Mr Miller*. We will develop our singing and performance skills, focusing on rhythm and pitch. In Week 3, we will complete a progression snapshot activity (Throw Catch Activity 1) to assess our musical understanding.

Spanish

As linguists, we will be learning Spanish phonetics (how letters and sounds are pronounced) and revisit and recap dates.

Home learning

Reading at home is so important so we ask for 20 minutes every day! Practicing timetables on TTRS and completing nuggets on Century.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will be consolidating our learning from Year 5. We will be revisiting place value and compare numbers up to 1,000. We will make number patterns and round larger numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction within 1,000,000. Later on this half term, we will be exploring multiplication and division. Our aim is to have a solid foundation in arithmetic before moving onto further tricky maths concepts.