

Year 6: Autumn 1 - The Empire of the Sun.

English

In English, the children will be learning about Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow. They will be exploring the motivations behind the characters' actions. We will be using drama to explore parody (exaggerated comedy) which will result in retelling of the story. We will also aim to help children to develop empathy for the plight of different characters within the stories. Children will be taught to develop their reading skills. Strategies will be taught by their teacher through weekly guided reading, daily shared reading and read aloud sessions. Please sign the home reading record. All our reading books are online through Bug Club on Active Learn.co.uk. We will also be looking at narrative poetry and the use of emotive language to evoke feelings within the reader. Work will focus on stories with flashbacks. Both fiction and non-fiction will be studied

Spelling and Grammar

The children will continue to focus on a new spelling pattern every week and will learn how to use and apply these rules. They will continue to revise and master the Year 5 & 6 list of spellings. Whilst grammar lessons will focus on word classes, using punctuation and range of sentence types for effect.

Useful websites for spelling and grammar:

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/lookcover/lookcover.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

www.activelearn.co.uk

Maths:

In Maths this half-term, the children will be taught to read, write and compare numbers with up to 6 digits. They will be taught to explain the value of each digit with a particular focus on zero as a place holder. In addition, children will be taught key vocabulary to assist them in understanding and explaining their ideas. Children will look at negative numbers in context and use this knowledge to solve problems. We will teach the children how to multiply and divide whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000 before moving on to multiples, prime and squared numbers and finally properties of shapes. We will plan and teach outdoor maths lessons as appropriate so children can begin to relate maths to their environment. Children will also be taught regular arithmetic lessons to consolidate their understanding and use of number operations.

Please continue to practise times tables with your child so they are secure in their recall of the number facts.

Useful websites:

<https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6>

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/mentalmaths/mentalmachine2.html>

Creative Learning Journey

- ◆ This half-term our topic is 'Empire of the Sun' where pupils will learn about Mexico. Children will gain a geographical understanding by learning to use maps and atlases to locate Mexico and identify key physical and human features. We will then move on to learning about Mexican crops.
- ◆ In **Art**, the children will use a sketchbook to plan and develop ideas. They will work with clay to mould Day of the Dead masks and explore the patterns used in these designs.
- ◆ In **Science** this half term, children will work on making an electric circuits. They will evaluate their circuits and write a list of instructions on how to build a circuit. They will investigate the components of different circuits and how to effect these in a circuit.
- ◆ During **RE**, children will explore how certain art forms can be used to express feelings and intentions, especially in a religious context.
- ◆ In **PE** lessons children will have the opportunity to work on and off the apparatus whilst creating their own sequences. In addition, they will develop ball control and cooperative working, through small sided net and wall games.
- ◆ In **ICT** we will be working with Excel to produce spreadsheets. Pupils will enter data, make formulae and create graphs.
- ◆ In **Spanish** children will learn to describe the buildings found in a high street.
- ◆ In **Music**, the children will be listening to the songs of Pharrell Williams and identifying the dimensions of music within his work. They will use instruments to improvise and compose.

Information about Year 6

Homework:

Maths and English homework will be given out on **Monday** and must be returned on Friday. Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night.

P.E. Timetable:

Class 6A: PE Wednesday and Thursday

Class 6B: PE Monday and Tuesday

Class 6C: PE Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 6D: PE Monday and Friday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform including their blazers and ties.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment with the office staff.