Autumn 2 in Year 6

English

We will start the half term writing a narrative using the book, Wisp, for inspiration.
Children will break the narrative down into looking at story openings and how they build.
There will be a clear focus on using cohesive devices in their writing ensuring that their ideas link.
The second half of the half term will be spent writing persuasive speeches. Inspiration will come from the book, Talking History.

We are reading...



In our reading lessons, we will continue exploring the thought-provoking novel Pig Heart Boy. This story raises important questions about science, ethics, and identity, and we'll be diving deeper into its themes as we read. To enrich the experience, we are hoping to watch the BBC film adaptation of the book, giving pupils a chance to compare the text with its screen version.

Maths

This half term, Year Six will be developing their mathematical understanding through a range of key topics. Pupils will learn how to tackle long division and deepen their knowledge of fractions, including identifying and simplifying equivalent fractions, placing them accurately on a number line, and comparing and ordering them based on both denominators and numerators. They will also practice adding and subtracting simple fractions, progress to working with any two fractions, and extend their skills to include mixed numbers.

Science

Circulatory System

This term in science, we are continuing our biology study of the circulatory system. Children will explore how blood carries oxygen and nutrients around the body and why this process is essential for life. To make learning hands-on, they will create a model of blood to understand its different components. We will also discuss ways to keep our bodies healthy and strong, and finish by learning about the scientist William Harvey, who discovered how blood circulates through the body.

History

Early Islamic Civilisation

This half term, Year Six will explore the fascinating world of Early Islamic Civilization. They will begin by placing this period within a wider historical timeline before diving into life in Baghdad during its peak. Pupils will investigate the importance of the House of Wisdom and discover how knowledge and trade spread across the region. Later, they will compare life in Baghdad with Anglo-Saxon England and conclude by examining how the Islamic Golden Age eventually came to an end.

Art

Craft and Design with Photography

This term, our art topic focuses on craft and design with photo opportunities, giving pupils the chance to combine creativity with digital skills. They will begin by researching artists who specialise in photomontage, such as Derick Boateng, to understand how professionals use photography to create striking visual stories. Inspired by this, pupils will design their own photomontages, experimenting with composition, color, and texture. Using photo editing tools, they will create imaginative collages that reflect their personal ideas and styles. This project encourages both artistic expression and technical confidence, helping pupils see how traditional art and modern technology can work together.

PSHE

Valuing Difference

This term in PSHE, children will focus on understanding differences and empathy. They will explore why it is important to celebrate diversity and learn that discrimination based on differences is wrong. Pupils will also discuss the effects of bullying and develop strategies for forming long-lasting, positive friendships. In addition, they will learn about other important relationships in life, such as those with parents, carers, and neighbours, and understand that they belong to different communities. These lessons aim to help children appreciate individuality, build respect, and strengthen their sense of belonging.

Music

Developing ensemble skills

This term, children will learn how to perform as part of a musical ensemble. They will practice singing a range of songs and play the glockenspiel to accompany their vocals. In addition, pupils will begin learning songs for our upcoming Christmas performances, combining rhythm, melody, and teamwork.

PE

Hockey

This term in PE, children will be learning the exciting sport of hockey. They will start by developing key skills such as passing and dribbling the ball, along with practising different defending techniques. Pupils will also learn about the various positions on the pitch, including attacking roles, and how teamwork plays an important part in the game. Once the core principles have been taught and understood, children will put their skills into action by taking part in a full hockey match, applying everything they have learned in a fun and competitive setting.



RE

Why does religion look different around the world?

In RE this term, children will continue exploring why religion can look different across the world. They will focus on the theme of festivals of light, learning why so many religions celebrate light and what it symbolizes. Pupils will also study how Buddhists practice their faith and examine the reasons behind different Buddhist teachings. Through these lessons, children will gain a deeper understanding of religious diversity and the ways beliefs and traditions shape communities globally.

Computing

Creating Media

This term, children will learn how web pages are structured and then have the chance to create their own web page, applying design and layout skills in a fun, practical project.