

Year 6 Curriculum

Writing

In Year 6 we put a strong emphasis on using quality texts to teach Literacy such as 'The War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo and Shakespeare's Macbeth. We have regular 'Star Write' activities that are linked to the Literacy curriculum. These give the children the opportunity to write in a number of different genres and after re-drafting their work this would be the final piece. This is marked using a set assessment criteria to show improvement and progress throughout the year. Pieces of writing are always linked to either the topic or class book. Writing genres in Year 6 include a newspaper report, non-chronological report, descriptive story writing, persuasive writing, diary entry, biography, formal and informal letters, play scripts and poetry.

Reading

Literacy is underpinned through the study of our termly class reader book. All children are encouraged to read a range of different books to help them with their knowledge and understanding of texts. This is also supported by regular set comprehension activities working on inference and deduction and understanding of vocabulary used.

Communication

Communication is a vital part of learning in Year 6. Discussions are constantly held to explain and share learning and improve understanding across the curriculum. Activities such as class debates and presentations are used throughout the year. This helps children develop their confidence in speaking and listening skills.

Mathematics

Children are expected to be confident in recalling all of their times tables, division facts and facts to learn in Year 6. This is knowledge that is vital to access many aspects of the strategies and learning of the Year 6 mathematics curriculum. Strategies are practised regularly to help children build speed, accuracy and confidence in the Summer tests. Children will develop skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Problem solving is an essential part of the curriculum as well as, place value, problem solving, perimeter and area, shape and space, algebra, converting measurements and statistics.

Science

Year 6 Science topics include: Animals including humans, Electricity, Living things and their habitats, Light and Evolution and Inheritance. Working scientifically using predictions and fair tests is used through all topics.

R.E.

As a Catholic School children are taught the curriculum from the Lancaster Diocese. The curriculum is separated into four sections that are looked at in detail: Revelation, The Church, Celebration and Life in Christ. Children will present an assembly showing a specific topic they have studied.

Art & Design

Use topics and current experiences for an inspiration for artwork. This is developed through a number of artistic techniques, such as sketching, watercolours, clay and paper mache. Children will explore different mediums and artists to improve skills and develop their own technique.

Computing

The use of technology is a vital tool in present day education. In Year 6 a range of technology is used as much as possible, I pads, computers, laptops etc. Children are taught how to code, looking at designing and writing programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts. Understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration. Describe how internet search engines find and store data; use search engines effectively; be discerning in evaluating digital content; respect individuals and intellectual property; use technology responsibly, securely and safely.

Geography & History (Humanities)

Each half term the children will look at either a Geography or History topic in great detail. Some examples of these topics are: Crime and Punishment, The Scots, The Vikings, Extreme Earth and United Kingdom.

Physical Education

P.E. is an integral part to education both in and out of the classroom. In Year 6 children generally have two sessions of P.E. a week trying a range of sports and physical activities. Children will take part in swimming sessions, invasion games (football, netball, tag rugby), striking and fielding games (rounders, cricket), fitness activities as well as athletic events.

P.S.H.E.

In Year 6, we are proud of our achievements and successes. Circle time activities are used to celebrate these in an environment which promotes equality, sharing and correct appropriate manners.