



Year 6 Spring Newsletter

Our topic is Crime and Punishment



English

In our English sessions this term we will focus on the novel, 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde in Spring 1. We will write a narrative retelling in 3rd person. Our focus will be distinguishing between the language of speech and writing, recognising structures for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms, using passive verbs and using semi-colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses.

In Spring 2 we will focus on, 'The Island' by Jason Chin and 'Jemmy Button' by Jennifer Uman and Valerio Vidal. We will produce a letter which details events and a journalistic report of Darwin's discoveries. Our focus will be passive verbs, using the progressive and the present perfect verb forms, using a range of devices to build cohesion and using colons to mark boundaries between clauses.



Reading

In our Reading sessions this term we will focus on the novel, 'The Happy Prince' by Oscar Wilde in Spring 1 and 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell in Spring 2. We will answer reading comprehension questions based on the text focusing mainly on retrieval, inference and vocabulary questions. We will explore the different characters and storyline.

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Maths

Our Focus for Maths in the Spring Term is Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (FDP), alongside Ratio and Proportion and Problem solving. Children will compare, simplify calculate, and solve fraction problems. Solve problems involving decimals, find percentages of amounts and identify the links between FDP. Children will also use ratio to compare quantities and solve problems involving scaling and proportion. Throughout the term we will also be applying knowledge to reasoning and real-life mathematical problems.

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Arithmetic

Each Friday children will complete an arithmetic assessment to consolidate and support their learning alongside completing times table tests.

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Maths Meetings

Maths Meetings take place 4 times a week for 10-15 minutes, alongside the children's Maths lessons. During these sessions children recap key aspects of mathematical learning, so key knowledge and skills are embedded in children's memories. We will recap skills taught in previous school years.



ClassDojo

Remember to check Class Dojo for updates!



More information is also available on our school website.



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Science

This term we will study Animals including Humans. In this topic we will look at exercise and the impact on the body. We will learn about diets and different food groups. We will then look at the circulatory system, how this functions, and the role of blood cells. Children will learn how blood flows around the body alongside learning about the heart and lungs. In this unit children will also learn about the impact of drugs and alcohol on the body.



History

In History this term we will study Crime and Punishment. We will learn about how crime and punishments have changed over time and the creation of laws. We will look at who decides if a person is innocent or guilty and how that has changed over time. Children will also learn how punishments have evolved over time, which we may still use and which we have stopped alongside the creation of the modern police force.



Geography

In Geography we will focus on the human and physical geography related to Extreme Earth. We will research different climate zones, natural disasters and how natural disasters can have an impact on the environment. We will also look at the impact that disasters can have on people and societies.



Spanish

In Spanish this term we will start by discussing family, identifying different family members and explaining how many siblings you may have, before learning about the date. Children will be able to ask and answer questions about the days of the week and months of the year.



Art

In Art this term we will be focusing on Street Art and Graffiti. We will learn about the artist Banksy, identify whether graffiti is art or vandalism. We will then produce our own street art using stylised writing.



DT

In DT this term we will be studying structures. The children will look at different materials and how to connect materials to create different structures and bridges which can support weight.



Computing

In Computing this term, we will be continuing our study of coding and programming. We will look at input and output devices. Alongside this, children will programme using Micro:Bits. E-Safety will be taught throughout Online Safety curriculum.



Music

In Music, we will be following the Charanga Scheme of work.



Life Skills Builder

In Spring 1 we will look at Staying Positive and Aiming High. We will research and discuss being responsible on social media and how to be safe online.

In Spring 2 we will look at Leadership. We will discuss what children can do for themselves at home and learn about their responsibilities as they get older.



PSHE

Our Spring topic is Living in the Wider World. Children will learn about valuing diversity; challenging discrimination and stereotypes.



RE

In RE this term, we will be looking at How Buddhists live a meaningful life in Spring 1 and What is the significance of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost during Spring 2.

What's happening this term?

Please see below the different important dates for this term.

- Friday 5th February - Dress to Express for Children's Mental Health Week.
- Wednesday 10th February - Valentines Disco
- Monday 15th to Friday 19th February - Half Term
- 1st March - National Secondary School Offer Day
- Thursday 4th March - World Book Day
- Crucial Crew Trip - TBC
- Friday 19th March - Comic Relief
- Parents Evening Day
- Thursday 25th March - Easter Raffle
- Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April - Half Term

Any additional dates will be added onto each Class Dojo and Whole School Dojo page.

If you have any questions this year,
please contact your child's class
teacher via Class Dojo.

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