

English

In English this term the children will be reading 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson. The book tells the story of a young boy born into slavery in Jamaica. We will be writing in a variety of genres, including narratives, descriptions and instruction texts.

Art

Year 6 will be completing an artist study on Ernst Haeckel.

The children will be furthering their sketching skills through the use of tone, depth and symmetry.

Term One Year 6 Maafa

Welcome to Year 6!

We have an exciting term ahead of us! If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher.

History

This term in History the children will be learning about 'Maafa', which means 'a great disaster' and refers to the Transatlantic Slave Trade in the 15th century.

Your child will carry out research and learn about the abolition of slavery in the 19th century and the Race Relations Act of 1965. The children will gain an insight into African culture and will understand the consequences of enslavement.

Maths

This term we will be following the White Rose maths curriculum. We will be teaching 'place value' in weeks 1-3, which will include rounding and comparing numbers including negative numbers. There will be a focus on times tables with a new 'Times Table Time' section added to 3 lessons per week.

Recommended Reads

The story of Slavery (Young reading series 3) by Sarah Courtauld

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Story-Slavery-Young-Reading-Purple/dp/0746087527>

Africa, Amazing Africa by Atinuke

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Africa-Amazing-Country/dp/1406376582>

William Wilberforce: The Freedom Fighter by Derick Bingham

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/William-Wilberforce-Freedom-Fighter-Freedom/dp/1857923715>

Computing

Although computers will still be used in some lessons, there is no Computing focus this term. This is because the school is about to introduce an exciting new computing curriculum next term!

French

In French the children will be focusing on learning conversational words in order to be able to introduce and talk about themselves.

PSHE

The theme for PSHE this term is “resilience”. This is the first section of a new PSHE curriculum entitled “Let’s Talk” which is exciting new adventure for the school.

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Science

In Science this term we will be exploring electrical circuits and components. The children will make their own circuits, starting with a simple one and building on their knowledge to then create more complex circuits. There will be plenty of problem-solving opportunities!

Physical Education

Eagle - Thursday / Friday
Osprey- Thursday/Friday
Merlin - Tuesday / Friday

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE uniform:

Joggers and hoodies/sweatshirts should be navy blue or black (no patterns or logos please).

T-shirts should be in your child’s community colour.

Earrings need to be taken out. If your child can’t do this themselves please make sure they are taken out before coming into school.

Music

Year 6 will be using Charanga to study the song ‘Happy’ in Term 1. We will listen the the rhythm, tempo and dynamics of the song.

Children will consider what they like or dislike about the song as well learning the lyrics.

Religious Education

In R.E, Year 6 will be considering the very thought provoking question of creation vs science. How was the World made, and by who or what? Can you be a believer in both God and the Big Bang?

Homework

Homework expectations are that all children complete 20 minutes of Times Tables Rockstar, read 3 times a week and bring in their reading record and learn their spellings for a weekly test. There is an OPTIONAL homework grid of other activities.