



Year 6 - Spring Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Blackthorn Primary School

Reading and English

This term, Year 6 are immersing themselves into the world of Britain's most famous play-writer: William Shakespeare. Using a range of teaching strategies, including lots of drama and role-play, children will be bringing the bard's play, 'The Tempest', back to life.

Over the Spring term, Year 6 will be consolidating their use of conjunctions and parenthesis within their work. Whilst exploring the story of The Tempest, the children will be considering and developing their viewpoints on the main character of Prospero; by analysing extracts of the play, the children will become familiar with the themes surrounding his character and present these in a fact file.

Further to this, the children will be preparing arguments in preparation to debate key plot questions within the play. As always, Year 6 will be revising a variety of grammatical features and will continue their focus on editing their work to ensure their writing meets the genre.

Maths

Year 6 will start the Spring term revising and developing their reasoning around fractions and decimals. We will be linking these concepts to the area of percentage.

On completing our unit on fractions, decimals and percentages, Year 6 will progress onto deepening their knowledge in the area of measurements. We will be using a variety of resources to support and develop our understanding of conversions. The main focus of our lessons will be exploring how we can use our learnt knowledge and apply it to a variety of different contexts. Year 6 will continue to develop their problem solving and reasoning within lessons.

Wider Curriculum

This term Year 6 will study the story of Moses and how he led the People of God to freedom. The children will make connections between Bible texts studied and what Christians believe about being the People of God and how this should be reflected in their actions. Further to this, children will compare and reflect on the concept of freedom for people around the world today.

Our History focus this term is The Ancient Kingdom of Benin. Year 6 will learn about the Kingdom's rise to power and influence upon other countries. The children will learn about how the time period meant that citizens would report news and their way of life down through families through a rich and long tradition of storytelling.

In our weekly science lesson, pupils will learn about the principles of classification by considering the ways in which it helps us to sort, identify and retrieve objects in our everyday lives. Year 6's will learn about the seven life processes and how to classify things into living and non-living groups. They will learn that all living things can be classified into five major kingdoms and that these in turn can be sub-divided into smaller and smaller groups, with particular emphasis on the classification of invertebrate and vertebrate animals. Alongside this, children will learn about the important work of Carl Linnaeus.

Ways to help at home:

- Revise times - table daily
- Read often – change book weekly
- Learn to spell unfamiliar words (Year 6 spelling list)
- Complete homework to build on learning in school

Other information:

- P.E will be on a Wednesday afternoon and the children will go swimming.
- Homework will be set either on Office 365 or paper every Friday and will be expected to be completed by the following Wednesday.
- Children have passwords for the online platforms: Mangahigh, Myon and Satscompanion. These can all be accessed at home.