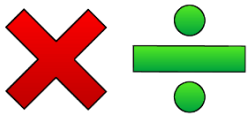
Year 6 Newsletter
Autumn Term – Half Term 2

Year 6 Curriculum

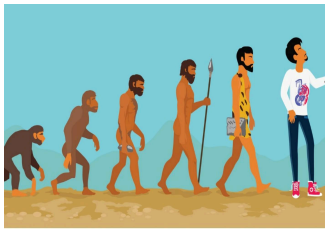
In English, we are making links with our previous Tudor topic and studying William Shakespeare. We will read Romeo and Juliet. The children will then have the opportunity to write for a range of purposes, using this famous play as inspiration.

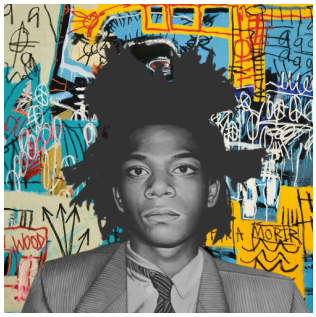


MULTIPLICATION
DIVISION

This half term, we will finish off our unit on multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We will then move onto fractions. In this unit we will look at equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering them. We will then move onto adding and subtracting fractions and answering multi-step problems as well as answering reasoning and problem solving questions.

In Science, we will be delving into inheritance and evolution – an exciting topic which enables the children to consider both acquired and inherited characteristics. Later in the term, we will be looking at how evolution has caused species to change over time to adapt to their environments.





In art, the children will be looking at the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat – a graffiti artist from New York.
They will also explore how to create a tactile collage taking inspiration from his graffiti art. Year 6 will also design, create, print and evaluate their own lino print tile inspired by the skulls in Basquiat's graffiti art.

In RE, we will focus on the question: What roles do sacred texts and traditions play in the lives and beliefs of Hindu and Sikh people?

Our focus in Geography will be on the continents of the world. Children will consolidate their previous learning about continents from previous years and build on it by considering how borders change over time, including the impact of wars and violence. They will learn how countries' names can change and consider why this happens.

Book Recommendations:

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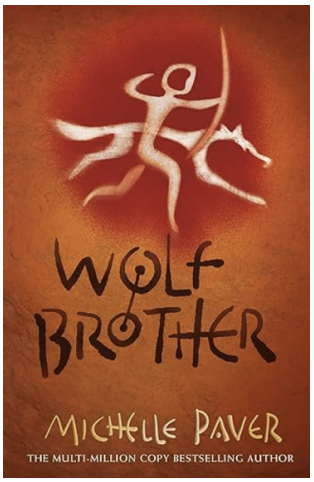
This incredible story, set in Germany during the second world war, is based on the character Liesel- an evacuee, who has gone to live with strangers. Unusually, the narrator in this tale is Death himself. I love this book because it is so beautifully written. The author writes in wonderful detail, using similes and metaphors to make the story feel like poetry. It is also interesting to read a book about the war from a different perspective.



Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver

Thousands of years ago, a powerful and malevolent force conjured a demon: a demon so evil that it could only be contained in the body of a ferocious bear, a demon determined to destroy the world. Only one boy can stop it ...

Twelve-year-old Torak sees his father murdered by the bear. With his dying breath, he asks his son to make him a promise. Alone, wounded, terrified and on the run, Torak must now lead the bear to the Mountain of the World Spirit - a mountain that no one has ever found before. But can Torak keep his promise?

Wolf Brother was always a well-loved text in my previous Year 6 classes. Michelle Paver gives a really high quality model of what excellent narrative writing looks like through her storytelling, vocabulary and punctuation for effect.

If you enjoy it, it is only the first book of nine!

PE this term will continue on the following days:

Hauksbee PE day - Tuesday and Wednesday.

Parsons PE day -Wednesday and Friday.

A more comprehensive overview of what we will be covering can be found on our school website under Curriculum and then Knowledge Organisers. Please find the attached link: https://www.haslett.org.uk/curriculum/knowledge-organisers

How to support your child's learning at home:

As your child continues in Year 6, with SATS fast approaching, to ensure your child gets the most out of school, it would be great if you help them at home as well. This can be done through supporting them to complete their homework on maths.co.uk, spag.com and TT Rock Stars each week, along with helping them practise their spellings.

It is important that you continue to listen to your child read and record your comments in their homework diaries. Whilst listening to your child read, focus on the new vocabulary they come across, but also question their understanding of the text - can they find an answer within the text? Can they use the text to help support an idea or an answer to a question you have asked?

Lastly, one of the most crucial factors when supporting your child's learning is to ensure they attend school. Regular attendance results in accelerated progress.

Key reminders:

- Homework will be given out every Friday and is due back every Wednesday - this will include Maths and SPAG online- it must be completed.
- Spellings will be given out every Friday and children will be tested on the following Friday.
- Children will be tested on their maths target every Friday. A new target will be sent home each half term.
- TT Rockstars - 15 garage games to be completed by Thursday each week.
- We expect the children to read for 20 minutes at least 5 times a week and have this signed off by a parent in their homework diaries.

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 5th November-Fire Works Night at school
Thursday 19th November - Movies and Munchies Y3-Y6
Friday 4th December-Bingo Night
Friday 19th December - School finishes at 1:00pm for Christmas

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Knight, Mrs Willison, Mrs Noon and Miss Critchlow
The Year 6 Team.