

LENT TERM
YEAR 6 CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

Spelling work continues to focus on the 'Statutory Word Lists' for Key Stage 2, including using suffixes and prefixes. Grammar work will include passive and modal verbs. Punctuation will include use of the semi-colon, colons for clauses and lists, and the use of hyphens. We will be looking at a variety of texts that link into our History WW2 topic, which will form the stimulus for writing. Pupils will be producing sustained pieces of writing, which will become increasingly more independent, in preparation for their end of year writing portfolio.

MATHEMATICS

Pupils will continue to follow the White Rose scheme of work. Throughout their number block, they will study in depth; decimals, percentages and algebra and ratio. During their measurement block they will learn how to master; converting units of measure and how to calculate perimeter, area and volume. Pupils will begin lunchtime booster groups in preparation for SATS.

SCIENCE

Pupils will begin the term studying electricity and circuits. They will take the role of advising a pretend local neighbourhood watch, with various tasks to reduce crime in the area. In the second half of the term the pupils will be studying 'Living Things and their Habitats'. This will include studying early classification systems and the seven levels of classification. They will focus on the work of Linnaeus; they will also look at a range of microorganisms and how classification keys can be used.

HISTORY

The pupils will study World War II. This will include looking at the causes of the war and examining key events such as the Blitz and the Battle of Britain and the years succeeding the war. Pupils will also consider what it was like for children to be evacuated and how people managed to survive with rationing. Lessons may be interrupted by preparation for SATs.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christianity and Buddhism: Pupils will discover how faith is conveyed through art, drama and song. They will respond to Buddhist and Christian texts and learn about how faith is expressed through meditation. The importance of Jesus to Christians will be explored with a focus on Easter.

ART

Pupils will build on their drawing and sketching skills to use different shades of pencils to create different tones and lines. Pupils will become confident in: using different grades of pencil at different angles to show different tones; using hatching and cross hatching to show tone and texture in their drawings and using shading to show shadows and reflections on 3D shapes. Pupils will be studying artwork from WW2 and will study the British artist Eric Kennington in depth. They will create their own piece of historical WW2 art based on the style of Eric Kennington. Lessons may be interrupted in preparation for SATS.

MUSIC

Pupils will develop their listening skills. They will identify orchestral instruments, understand time signatures and tempos, and will learn about dynamics and the history of music. They will continue to develop their keyboard skills and their understanding of staff notation. Pupils will work in small groups to compose a 'Musical/Talking Book'. They will use a variety of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments, recorders and keyboards to create effective melodies and sound effects to enhance a storybook.

PSHEE

The unit undertaken this half-term gives pupils the opportunity to explore choices that have to be made regarding money, developing concepts of saving, budgeting and earning money. Pupils will explore the effect that having money, or otherwise, can have; they will be involved in a budgeting exercise to equip a school! Next half-term will focus on relationships and look at how people deal with sensitive issues such as loss, self-image, stereotyping and media influence. Pupils will examine how choices lead to consequences.

FRENCH

The pupils will study aspects of 'Le Passe' (Then and Now) and 'Ici et La' (Out and About) from the Euro Stars scheme supplemented by additional material to further extend their language skills. Work will include reading, writing, listening and speaking. Weekly lessons will cease after half-term to facilitate revision for the SATs; they will study additional French in the Trinity Term.

PE, GAMES & SWIMMING

PE: In Gymnastics, each pupil will develop and perfect a ten-movement sequence, focusing on linking each movement together. Games: Pupils will revisit and perfect their skills in aspects of indoor athletics and take part in an intra-school competition. They will also develop the rules of netball and learn to apply them in game situations. Swimming: Speed and finesse will be a focus for this term in relation to their front crawl, breaststroke and backstroke techniques. The pupils will all participate in a House Swimming Gala.

