



Year 6 Autumn 2020 Curriculum Information



What we are learning at school

Maths

We will continue to follow Herts Essentials including the 'Back on Track' resources. This term's units: number and place value; mental calculation and problem solving including time; fractions; multiplication and division; statistics.

English

To start the term, we will be basing our writing, reading and grammar work on 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin, which is an autobiographical recount.

We will also be writing some poems using the stimulus 'The Lost Words' by Robert MacFarlane.

Other texts we will be using as stimuli for reading include:

'Wisp' by Zana Fraillon & Grahame Baker-Smith

'Night of the Gargoyles' by Eve Bunting

'Journey' by Aaron Becker

Science

Living Things and their Habitats: life cycles and classification. How and why do scientists classify living things? Evolution and inheritance: How and why have living things adapted over time?

History

We will be looking at aspects of World War 2. Our big question is 'What was it like for children growing up in World War II?' We will be developing our enquiry skills whilst identifying causes and consequences of events and questioning the authenticity and reliability of primary and secondary sources.

Geography

Children will be developing **locational knowledge**, using maps to locate the world's countries and continents with a focus on Europe (including Russia) and North and South America, looking at the key physical features and the human characteristics including major cities.

How you can help at home

Visit:

Duxford Museum/Hendon museum
Imperial War Museum
Mosquito Museum, Shenley

Read:

Books taking place during in WW2
e.g. When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr
Goodnight Mister Tom - Michelle Magorian
The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall
Hitler's Canary – Sandi Toksvig
Once – Maurice Gleitzman

Watch:

News programmes to find out more about what is happening in the world.
Children's films set in WW2

Talk about:

WW2 – any grandparents/great grandparents' experiences
Where have you been (or a relative/carer) where the climate and environment is different from Harpenden's? How was it different?

Developing knowledge and understanding of **human geography** through focusing on types of settlement and land use, economic activity, including trade links. Also concentrating on human migration and the causes of different migration.

Physical Geography – looking at key aspects and understanding of climate zones biomes and vegetation belts – this will have cross-curricular links with our Science units.

Art

Developing drawing skills including:

- investigating the effect of light on objects and people from different directions
- interpreting the texture of a surface
- producing increasingly accurate drawings of people
- developing the concept of perspective

Additionally, we will be investigating an artist's work and style.

Computing

We will continue to use the Purple Mash units during our computing lessons. These will include exploring issues around Online Safety, 3D Modelling and Blogging.

P.E.

Invasion games – Netball, Rugby

Striking and fielding – Rounders

Gymnastics – rotation and obstacles

Athletics

Music

Our Music Curriculum will have 3 inter-related strands running through it; an instrumental strand, a listening strand and a theory strand. The focus is as follows:

Listening: music through history: Classical, Romantic and Modern (Beethoven, Mussorgsky; John Adam)

Instrumental: creating Calypso style music to accompany the book 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin.

Theory: studying conventional music notation

RE

Finding out what it means to live as a Christian or a Buddhist in Britain today through reflecting upon stories and practices relating to Christmas, both sacred and secular, and other festivals.

French

We will continue to use the Rigolo scheme and learn vocabulary for a range of situations including school, time, hobbies and clothing.

Try these websites:

<https://trockstars.com/>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>



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PE

Our PE days are:

Elder: Tuesday and Friday

Acer: Monday and Friday

Redwood: Monday and Wednesday

Children to wear PE kits to school on days when they have a PE lesson.

Values

Running through our curriculum will be the 'My Personal Best' values of co-operation, reflection, self-discipline and empathy as well as the school's 3Rs: Responsibility, Resilience and Respect.

Homework
expectations

Each week children are expected to write at least 3 good reading reflections. In addition, there will be weekly spelling patterns to be learnt and written into sentences demonstrating an understanding of each word. Spellings will be sent out via Google Classroom every Friday and then tested the following week.

For maths, children will practise their multiplication tables using TTRockstars.

For particular areas of learning, there may be some additional research tasks.