

Curriculum Overview Year 5 and 6 Summer 2018

English

As readers we will continue to develop our comprehension skills and also have lots of opportunities to enjoy reading individually, in small groups and as a whole class. Our focus on improving the children's knowledge and understanding of grammar, and punctuation skills continues to make large steps forward in line with the government's requirements.

As writers we will be developing our fiction and non-fiction through a variety of genre (including poetry, diary writing, story writing, explanations, news reports and discussions/arguments). Our particular focus will be on recounts especially diary writing style where we will base our works on that of Michael Morpurgo's 'Listen to the Moon'. We will also begin by focusing on the story behind the 'Lusitania', a famous passenger ship from the early 20th Century with a mysterious and tragic tale to tell!

Within literacy time we will be revising writing for different purposes; looking at structure and producing work of consistently good quality content. After Half-Term we will link Literacy into our Island Topic and our Summer Show.

Art & Design

This Term we will link up our Art and Design to our Literacy and Creative Curriculum Topic. We will complete observational drawings of the Lusitania, as well as look at Passenger Liner Posters and Propaganda Posters linked to our period of study. We will create a scene picture of the Lusitania setting sail for its maiden voyage and then of the tragedy that unfolds. Children will need to capture the jubilation and excitement as this ship leaves for its maiden voyage and then of the changing outlook of the scene as it ends its journey using different medium.

R.E.

In RE our new Reflection Areas will focus on TRUST and HOPE. The children will begin to look at in what ways do the events and beliefs of Ascension and Pentecost make Christianity distinctive and also about loss and Christian hope. Again we will link into our story of the Lusitania, in order to reflect on these areas of our Christian lives.

Mathematics

The children will access a daily lesson including number work, shape, data handling and measures. Activities will include games, investigations and exercises during Challenge Friday. The children will use the four functions of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will learn how to apply them in worded 'everyday life' problems, choosing the appropriate maths in each situation during Challenge Friday.

As part of the topic the children will investigate the concept of capacity, depth, width and distance, becoming familiar with units of measurement generally, as well as relating to Island life. Measuring and drawing angles will be practised as well as translation and reflection of shapes.

Children will be given a variety of problems to solve from a range of maths areas and songs games and appropriate IT software will often be incorporated in this style of learning.

Design & Technology

Designing props for the Summer Show will dominate this area.

Geography/History

To link with our class read 'Listen to the Moon' the children will embark on a voyage of discovery into the Islands that are off our British coast - of which there are 400! Through video and their own personal research they will discover the Islands to the North - Shetlands and Outer Hebrides, South - Channel Islands and the Isles of Scilly and the West - Piel Island in Cumbria and the Isle of Man. They will use both geographical and historical skills identifying physical and human features, differences and similarities and likes and dislikes. We will also learn about WW1, linked to our class read.

Science

This term we will be focusing on 'Life Cycles' of plants and animals. The children will look closely at pollination, fertilization and seed dispersal in plants. We will then look at food chains and webs and what a plant needs to grow well. The children will also take part in scientific investigations including using some of the BBC Scientific Terrific online resources.

Modern Languages

The children will learn written and spoken French. We will look at the similarities and differences of both languages and discuss how cognates can be used to aid interpretation. The lessons will aim to be fun and engaging using songs, games and appropriate IT software.

Music

Children will continue to practise for COBS. Following this we will turn our attentions to rehearsing for our Summer Show!

ICT

As much ICT as possible will be taught this term, as we have lots to catch up on such as databases, research, graphics and e-mail.

PE

Ball skills, delivered by a specialist coach on Tuesday and netball or rounder's on Friday. There will be Sports Day and out outdoor activities at PGL.