



Year 6 Spring 1

Key Areas of Learning

- As **Writers and Readers**, we will be exploring a range of text types based around *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. this half term.
- As **Mathematicians**, we will be focusing on the **Multiplication and Division**.
- As **Disciples of Christ**, we will be deepening our understanding of **Christmas, Baptism and Confirmation** as celebrations of the Holy Spirit and **Prayer**.
- As **Athletes**, we will be developing our knowledge, skills and competency in **Dance and Net/Wall Games**.
- As **Computing Learners**, we will be developing our understanding of how **we use spreadsheets and how to blog**.
- As **Musicians**, we will be learning about **musical notation** and composition.
- As **Historians**, we will be learning about **Crime and Punishment throughout History**.
- As **Artists**, we will be selecting, **designing and creating 3D artwork**.
- As **Geographers**, we will be learning about **The United Kingdom**.
- As **Scientists**, we will be exploring the science behind **Electricity through circuits**.
- As **Designers**, we will be leaning how to make our own **Mechanical Systems: Automata Toys**.

British Values

- Democracy**
- Children will continue to make choices about what they think is right and wrong and how this relates to how people make choices about consequences and punishments.
- The Rule of Law**
- In PSHE, we will further recognise and understand the rule of law and the importance of rules and regulations within our country.
- Individual Liberty**
- In History, children will be learning about how punishment has changed over time and how human rights are an important focus.
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance**
- Children will continue to show mutual respect when working online and knowing how they should treat others when using the internet or devices.

Catholic virtues

- This half term, our Catholic Values are: Grateful and Generous.
- We will be learning how we can be Grateful for the gifts of God and Generous with our faith and time that we give and share.

Catholic Social Teaching

- Children will be exploring the **dignity of the human person** through their R.E work where they will think about the birth of Jesus and how he changed our lives in such selfless ways.
- When thinking about **economic justice** through their History work, the children will focus on crime and punishment and understand how this has changed over time.
- The children will show **stewardship** when speaking out for what is right and wrong within this unit of work too.

English

This half-term, the children will be reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
Year Six will be exploring a portal story which develops their understanding of settings where they will focus on the structure of two different forms of writing based on narrative fiction texts and non-fiction texts (a police report)

Within this half term, the children will aim to use their descriptive and figurative language to describe settings and characters, including reviewing some use of key writing elements from prior learning in relative clauses and parenthesis.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on the understanding behind our multiplication and division knowledge.

The children will also begin to focus on methods of multiplication and division while continuing to focus on the part that place value plays within the calculating of these methods. We will use formal written methods when using long and short multiplication and division.

RE

Year 6 will begin this half-term by studying the unit of Christmas and will explore the story of the birth of Christ from the Gospel of St. Matthew and the Gospel of St. Luke. They will also learn about some images of Christ that are found in the Prologue to the Gospel of St. John.

We will begin the preparation for our children to make their Confirmation and will begin to support our peers by exploring the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Children will explore the signs and symbols of both these Sacraments and will hear about the gift of the Holy Spirit being given in the celebration of these Sacraments.

PE

In PE, the children will be focusing on Dance and Net/wall games.
The children will perform dances using advanced dance techniques within a range of dance styles and forms. They will continue to analyse their performances compared to previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.
They will explore using a variety of resources to throw, catch, send and receive when practising their skills needed to apply to net/wall games.

The children will have P.E on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E kit on these days. Thank you.

PSHE	Computing	Music	Art & Design
<p>This half term, the children will revisit and further explore online safety. They will ensure that they recognise that they need to be aware of things that they see online that could potentially be of concern and how to report this.</p> <p>The children will also explore the unit of 'Me, My Body, My Health'. The children will learn that celebrating differences between people is enriching to a community and know that their self-confidence should arise from being loved by God. They will learn about the physical changes that boys and girls go through during puberty and how they should respect and take care of their bodies as gifts from God.</p>	<p>Year 6 will be learning about Blogging. This unit of work will help children to learn the basic principles of creating and maintaining a blog in a controlled and safe environment.</p> <p>This unit will give children a basic understanding of how to plan, create and present their own blog.</p>	<p>This half-term, we will be exploring the fundamental elements of Music with a focus on composition. Children will learn that by using chords in compositions, we can create music that is more harmonically interesting. We can also create accompaniment for a melody using chords. We will be exploring how chords are used within the music.</p>	<p>In Art, this unit teaches pupils to create expressive sculptures and reflect on artistic decisions. They will recognise art in a variety of forms including sculpture and paintings.</p> <p>Children learn to represent memories through art, using various materials and techniques, and develop skills in planning, creating, and evaluating 3D sculptures.</p>
Science	History	French	Design and Technology
<p>Year 6 will focus on Electrical circuits in this unit of work. Pupils will be building on their work on electricity that they completed in year 4, recapping on their knowledge of what components are used to create a series circuit, what volts of electricity are and how they can be amplified, and know and use the symbols for each component. The children will then carry out electrical investigations of how series circuits can be affected by adding or removing different components.</p>	<p>Within this topic the children will be studying Crime and Punishment across their areas of studied history. The children will have the opportunity to note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. They will investigate sources of evidence and construct informed response through select and organised historical information. They now need to understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed across a range of sources.</p>	<p>Year 6 will be focusing on recognising the months of the year in French. They will know how to ask when somebody has a birthday and say when they have their birthday. They will then develop to say the date in French while creating a French calendar. They will use these calendars to recognise key dates in the French calendar.</p>	<p>Using woodworking materials and skills, children construct a window display using an automata mechanism. They will measure and cut their materials in order to assemble the frame. They will explore and choose cams as well as design the characters that sit on the followers.</p>
Home Learning		Key Dates	
<p>Children will have a range of GPS, Reading and Mathematics revision tasks as homework given to them on a Monday. The hand-in date for homework will be Monday.</p> <p>Spelling mats will be given out during the children's spelling lesson with a test in school the following week.</p>		<p>Children return to school- Monday 6th Jan Energy Saving Week 17th- 23rd Jan Holocaust Memorial Day 27th Jan Chinese New Year 29th Jan Children's Mental Health Week 3rd Feb- 9th Feb Internet safety day 11th Feb Half-term- 17th- 21st Feb</p>	