

Autumn Term in Year 6



English

In composition, in Autumn, we are focusing on the genres of explanation text and biography. We will be using

- Fronted adverbials
- Expanded noun phrases
- Apostrophes for possession

In reading lessons, we have been exploring a range of texts like Olympian Sky Brown's biography and poetry all about nature. We use our reading skills like inference and retrieval to study these in detail.

This year we will read...

Year 6 Class Read Bookshelf



Children will enjoy 'class read' time where they can enjoy a story being read to them altogether as a class. Each teacher will choose a book from above for each half term.

Reading for pleasure is promoted all the time through reading for pleasure sessions and informal book talk. Children are expected to read 5 times at home and get their diaries signed.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning:

- Place value – decimal numbers, negative numbers, rounding
- Four operations – written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, factors, multiples, squared and cubed numbers
- Fractions – add and subtract fractions, simplify fractions

Science

Our Autumn 1 topic is 'The Circulatory System'. We are learning about how the heart pumps blood around the body. We are conducting an experiment to explore how our heart rate changes. We are also learning about how to keep our heart healthy.

Our Autumn 2 topic is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We are understanding the theory of evolution and exploring how animals adapt. We are also studying how humans have evolved over time.

Art

In Autumn 1, our topic is 'Da Vinci to Lowry'. We are applying our skills of sketching to create texture and dimension. We are recreating the work of Da Vinci, Picasso and Lowry.

In Autumn 2, our topic is 'Victorian silhouettes'. We are exploring how to create a silhouette using shadows. We are then going to apply these skills to our own portraits.



Geography

Our Geography topic is Fairtrade. As part of our WOW day, we are trying lots of Fairtrade products like chocolate and bananas. We are learning what Fairtrade is and how this helps small-scale farmers across the world. We are understanding why countries need to trade products. We are discussing which products are imported or exported from the United Kingdom. We are now looking out for the Fairtrade sticker on the food items that our families buy!



DT

In Autumn 1, we designed and created our own food product made from fairtrade produce: banana and chocolate chip muffins! We then evaluated our packaging and the taste.

In Autumn 2, we focused on the structure of bridges. We linked this to our Victorian topic. We enjoyed experimenting with loads to see how strong our bridges were.

Computing and MFL

In Computing, we are using our coding skills. We used the 2Code programme to make a character and then code it to complete simple actions. For MFL, we are starting our journey of learning Spanish! We started by looking where the language is spoken and then practised some basic greeting skills!



PSHCE and RE

For PSHCE this term, we took part in 'Hello Yellow' day where we dressed up in yellow to raise money for mental health. We also celebrated Black History Month by studying a famous person and presenting in assembly.

In RE, we looked at 'Teachings of Wisdom and Authority', which involved studying different religions and how they remember the rules within their faith.

History

Our history topic this term is the Victorians. We are looking at the chronology of this time and thinking about what life was like for people in the workhouse. We even looked at what life was like for children in schools and learnt about some of their rules. This knowledge was then brought to life during our visit to Newstead Abbey for the Victorian Christmas experience. We got to dress up as Victorian children and even play some Victorian games.

PE

In Autumn 1, we are working on the 'personal' cog for our REAL PE. This means we identified our own strengths and targets during our activities and reflected on how we could improve. We were also practising our coordination with ball skills.

In Autumn 2, we are working on the 'social' cog for our REAL PE. This involves working well as a team. We are also practising our balance skills.