

Year 6 - Curriculum

Letter

Autumn 2

The following are some of the things we will be learning about this half term...



English...

This term, in GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) we will be focusing on different clause structures, using a range of punctuation including semi-colons, subordinating and coordinating conjunctions, the passive and active voice and continuing to consolidate the Y5/6 spellings. In Reading we will be focusing on using inference and clarifying the meanings of words in texts. In Writing we will be using texts by Charles Dickens, William Shakespeare. We will also be using animations, poetry and non-fiction texts to inspire writing from a range of genres.



Maths...

To begin this half term the children will be reviewing the formal written methods for division and multiplication, including long multiplication and division. Using their knowledge of the four operations, the children will then learn about the order of operations using the acronym BODMAS. The biggest focus will be on recapping and learning how to convert, simplify, add, subtract and multiply fractions and whole numbers. We will also be improving the children's mental arithmetic skills and ability to use their logical reasoning to solve a range of problems.



IPC Unit.... Evolution and Inheritance.

This is a science-based topic. The children will be finding out about:

- How life began in the sea then came out of the sea
- How fossils provide information about living things from the past
- Why the dinosaurs died out
- About the classification of plants and animals
- How plants and animals reproduce
- How living things evolve and change over time
- How plants and animals are adapted to their environment
- How adaptation leads to evolution
- Whether there is life on other planets

Ideas for Activities & Visits Outside School...

Here are some links to websites that can be used to review and learn new skills and knowledge in English and Maths <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zv48q6f> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z826n39>.

When reading at home, please encourage your child to discuss their book with you, ask questions, make predictions and talk about the author's style and choice of language. Children **must** be reading every night. Please ask Miss Owusu or Ms Mortimer for book suggestions.

The children had a fantastic time at the Natural History Museum but there is still so much to explore. Why not go for another visit and learn more about natural history. You could also ask your child to be your personal tour guide in the human evolution area!