



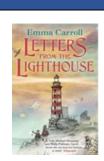
St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School

Year 6 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview

Key learning this half term

Literacy

This half term, we will be continuing with our class text of 'Letters from the Lighthouse.' Through studying the characters, we will have more of an understanding of what life was like for children during WWII. Children will complete a variety of tasks based on the book, covering reading, writing and grammar objectives.





In the second half of the term, we will be reading the text 'Shackleton's Journey'. This links to our Geography topic of the Polar regions.

We will learn about famous polar explorers and the amazing feats of

endurance involved in their ground-breaking expeditions.

For spelling, we will continue to work on the year 5/6 spelling words, learning a rule each week. Children can practise their spellings by playing games on Spelling Shed. They have a user name and password in their planners.

All pupils are expected to read at home every day.

Maths

This half term we will continue our learning of fractions and the four operations. We will also have a geometry focus that will involve describing positions of various shapes on coordinate grids and learning how to translate and reflect them.

At the end of the half term, we will learn about decimals and percentages and calculate the percentage of amounts.

We will be continuing to complete a weekly arithmetic test to consolidate our mental strategies and formal written methods for the four operations.

We recap maths learning in morning work through My Mini Maths activities or Basic Skills. This allows children to revisit previous learning and consolidate essential skills.

Pupils have passwords and logins for TT Rockstars, a helpful online tool to learn and practise times tables. By the end of year 4, all pupils should know their times

Religious Education

We will be starting the topic, 'What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain'. Children will learn about Sikhism and the main beliefs.

They will compare and contrast this knowledge with what they already know about Christianity.

PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT:

- Sikhism is a religion that originated in India, but is now practiced throughout the world
- A Sikh place of worship is called a Gurdwara
- Sikhs follow the 5 Ks in their lives
- Sikhs believe in one God, who is not described as male or female
- There are 10 Gurus in Sikhism. They are the messengers and guides from God and the link between God and humans

The minimum expectation is 20 minutes per day. Reading has a huge impact on a child's learning and their future prospects. How do you help your child become a better reader? Simply read more! The benefits are too numerous to mention.	tables up to 12 x 12 off by heart, including the corresponding division facts. Your child needs to practise their times tables regularly in order to have the necessary fluency for higher level calculations.	
HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!		
A student who reads A student who reads 3:00 1:00 1:00 1:00		
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We are also studying:

Science	Geography	PSHE	French	Art
 This term, we will learn about classification and how living things are categorised based on their characteristics. We will learn about the scientist Carl Linnaeus and his system for classifying living things. PUPILS WILL KNOW: How to describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics How to give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics 	 We will be learning about the polar regions and looking at the physical and human geography of the area. We will be analysing scientific discoveries and discussing how these extreme environments have changed over time as a result of climate change and what this means for our planet. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: The earth is divided by lines of longitude and latitude The similarities and differences of the polar regions through the study of human and physical geography The environments 	We will be learning about Dreams and Goals. This includes learning about how to stay motivated when facing a challenge, working with a partner or group and having a positive attitude. Pupils will also learn about how to help others achieve their goals and learn how to work towards their own dreams and goals.	We will be learning how to describe where I and others live using French vocabulary. We will discuss regions of France and what it is like to live there.	 We will be learning about the artists David McKeown and Paul Klee as we look at Colour Theory and learn painting skills. PUPILS WILL LEARN: To develop their techniques To improve their mastery of painting skills About great artists in history

	have changed over time	 Understand how to motivate themselves to achieve their goals Know how to identify problems and speak to others about them Work with others to help make the world a better place Describe some ways which they can help other people make the world a better place Know what some people in their class like or admire about them and accept their praise 		
PE We will be playing Netball and Hockey focussing on team skills. On Mondays the children will be taught by a sports coach. Our PE days are INDIA Monday and Friday USA Monday and Wednesday	ICT We will be completing the unit 'We are Computational Thinkers'. Pupils will also be given the chance to work on their computer fluency in other subjects, using programmes such as Microsoft Word and Excel to present their work.	British Values During whole school worship, we will be focusing on Individual Liberty. We will be thinking about what liberties we have in this country and how this can differ throughout the world.	Christian Value We will be thinking about Humility. We will learn about the meaning of humility and examples of this in the Bible.	Key vocabulary Your child will be learning these key words over the next half term: longitude latitude hemispheres polar regions classification parable liberty expedition explorer