



Parent Topic Information

Year 6 - Term 2



These are the topics and areas of the curriculum which the pupils will be covering in **TERM 2**

Literacy:

Reading:

- All pupils will have a home reader. Enjoy reading with your child and **take this opportunity to develop retrieval and inference skills at home. All pages read should be recorded in the child's Reading Log and signed**
- Pupils will take part in Guided Reading sessions with the emphasis on forming detailed written responses using **multiple sources of evidence** from the text to justify opinions.
- Pupils will continue responding to short passages with the emphasis on multiple choice style questioning. This will be completed on whiteboards. **We will use this time to develop note taking skills.**
- Reading Detectives sessions – honing the skills of clarifying, predicting, clarifying & summarising in **both fiction and non-fiction texts.**
- **CLASS NOVEL:** *'Kaspar Prince of Cats'* by Michael Morpurgo. This is the story of a bellboy at the Savoy Hotel in London at the turn of the 20th century and his adventures thanks to a rather pampered cat called Kaspar. A wonderful story within a rich historical context which explores unorthodox relationships.

Writing:

- 'In Flanders Fields' – personal response to the poem.
- World War 1 diaries – extracts from diaries written from the trenches. Emphasis on highly emotive language and imagery.
- Free Write – 'Fantasy Castle'
- Use of cue cards to summarise key points from chosen topic to present to class.

Grammar & Punctuation:

- Adverbs
- Connectives/conjunctions
- Synonyms
- Tenses
- Enhanced speech
- Up levelling of sentences

Twice weekly SPaG sessions to consolidate learning.

Numeracy:

Number:

- Fractions:
 - i. Shading
 - ii. Equivalence & simplifying
 - iii. Unitary fractions
 - iv. Fractions of numbers
 - v. Improper fractions & mixed numbers
- Numerical patterns and sequences
- 2/3 step worded problems – focus on use of flexible strategies
- Dividing whole numbers by 10,100,1000
- Interpreting calculator displays
- Function machines – including double functions
- Group problem solving investigations

Measures:

- Length & Weight:
 - Conversions – mm, cm, m, km
g/kg
 - Estimation and practical length & weight activities

Handling Data:

- Bar line graphs – construction and interpretation/analysis
- Pictograms
- Probability – language of probability and testing.

Mental Maths:

- Numbertalks
- 5-a-day
- Number investigations
- Mathematical language

World Around Us: 'Castles'

- Motte and Bailey castles – construction and historical context
- Timeline of castle types – from motte and bailey to stone castles
- Castle locations – compare and contrast various construction locations. Weigh up advantages/disadvantages
- A Day in the Life – jobs/challenges/life in a castle
- Trebuchet construction – pupils will have opportunity to build a miniature medieval siege weapon and test it for distance & accuracy.
- Visit to Carrickfergus Castle – pupils will get a first hand knowledge of life in a local medieval castle.
- STEM – investigation into potential and kinetic energy.