

Literacy

In literacy this half term, we will be exploring *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, delving into the themes of ambition, power, and fate. We will be analysing key moments in the play and using them as inspiration for our own writing. As part of our work, we will be crafting a letter to Lady Macbeth, considering her motivations and influence over Macbeth's actions. Additionally, we will be writing a retelling of Banquo's ghost scene, bringing this eerie and dramatic moment to life through vivid description and atmosphere. Through these activities, we will develop our understanding of Shakespearean language while honing our creative and persuasive writing skills.

Please continue to support your child with reading at home. It has been great to see so many children reading with their families and sharing this with us. It really does have a huge impact and feeds through to so many aspects of our learning.

Please also continue to encourage your child to practise their spellings each week. Spellings are a crucial part of our learning this year and it is essential that these are practiced and learnt each week.

Computing

In computing this half term, we will be developing our skills in data handling using spreadsheets. We will start by collecting and inputting data before learning how to format a spreadsheet effectively. As we progress, we will explore formulas, calculations, and duplication to organise and analyse information. Finally, we will apply our skills to an event planning task and learn how to present data clearly and effectively.

Geography

In geography this half term, we will be exploring South America, focusing on both its human and physical features. We will begin by identifying the countries within the continent before studying the Andes Mountains and their impact on the landscape and people. We will also learn about the significance of Machu Picchu and its historical importance. Additionally, we will examine the Amazon Rainforest, discussing the challenges caused by human interaction and the effects of deforestation. Through this, we will develop our understanding of how physical geography shapes human activity and the importance of conservation efforts.

History

In history this half term, we will be continuing our learning about the rise of Hitler, deepening our understanding of how he gained power and the impact of his leadership. We will be focusing on Kristallnacht, exploring its significance and how it marked a turning point in the persecution of Jewish people. Following this, we will move on to studying the outbreak of World War II, examining the key events that led to the conflict. As we progress, we will begin our wider learning on World War II itself, investigating major events, key figures, and the impact of the war on different countries and communities. Through this, we will develop our historical enquiry skills, using a range of sources to understand this important period in history.

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Global Warming

Science

This half term in science, Year 6 will be continuing their learning on Evolution and Inheritance. Pupils will explore how fossils provide evidence of how life has changed over time and learn how traits are passed from one generation to the next. They will investigate how adaptations help organisms survive in different environments and study the groundbreaking work of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace, whose ideas shaped our understanding of natural selection.

CITIZENSHIP

Our Global Citizenship focus for this term is Global Warming. We will be beginning with exploring the differences between Climate Change and Global Warming before moving on to questioning why the earth's temperature is increasing and the effects of this. The pupils will then be considering whether global warming is reversible and what we can do to support this.

Maths

In maths this half term, we will be focusing on fractions, decimals, and percentages, developing our understanding of how these concepts are linked. We will be learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions, ensuring we can confidently apply these skills in different contexts. We will also be finding percentages of amounts, using efficient strategies to solve real-world problems. Alongside this, we will explore the equivalences between fractions, decimals, and percentages, strengthening our number sense and problem-solving skills.

As we approach SATs, we want to support the children as much as possible in feeling confident and prepared. To help reinforce learning, additional homework will be provided, giving pupils the opportunity to practise key skills at home. We encourage all children to engage with these tasks, and we are here to offer any extra support they may need.

PE

For this half term, we will be focusing on Gymnastics. Children will need an indoor PE kit.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Reading books should be changed as and when needed. Reading Rewards will be given to those trying hard with their home reading.
- Yellow spelling books will be brought home on a Monday and must be returned on a Friday for our spelling dictation.
- Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle to school. Please also note that bottles should only be filled with plain water.
- PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday and left until the end of the week. Children must also bring plasters to cover any stud earrings if they cannot be removed.
- Please ensure that children only wear one pair of studded earrings. No hoop or dangly earring should be worn in school.
- If children are walking home alone, please ensure we have this in writing as soon as possible.