

Year 6 Learning Web

Autumn 1 2017

English Focus

- We will be using the Shakespeare play **Macbeth** to inspire our writing and drama this half-term. We will be looking at both the original text and adaptations of the text (including a children's radio version). This tricky text will link with our Knowledge and Understanding topic.
- We will be focusing mainly on fiction writing and carefully looking at the characters of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.
- Towards the end of the half-term, we will be creating our own version of Macbeth set in the modern day with new characters.
- Drama will be a large part of our English lessons, and we will be exploring character, emotion, feeling and motivation through acting, movement and song. These experiences will really help us with our writing and understanding of the play.
- In our grammar lessons, we will be consolidating our knowledge of adverbial phrases and relative clauses. We will be learning how to effectively use the colons, modal verbs and passive verbs.

Creativity

- In Art, we will be focusing on sketching skills.
- In PE, we will be taking part in dance sessions.
- Our English lessons will involve drama each week.

Maths Focus

- **Place Value:** We will be reading, writing, ordering, rounding and comparing numbers up to 10,000,000. We will also be calculating values across zero, including negative numbers, in context.
- **Four Operations:** We will be consolidating our knowledge of formal written methods for the four operations.
- **Mental Arithmetic:** We will be improving the speed of mental arithmetic skills, including mental addition, subtractions, division and our times tables.

STEM (including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

Learning challenge: Variation and classification

- In Science, we will be focusing on variation and classification.
- We will be exploring the different ways in which living things are classified through lots of group work and discussion.
- In Health and Wellbeing, we will be preparing for the year ahead with discussions about being in Year 6 and the challenges we might face.
- We will also be starting the protective behaviours scheme this half-term.

Knowledge and Understanding

Learning challenge: Tudor Warwickshire

- We will be exploring and researching the Tudors, with a particular emphasis on how the Tudor period has influenced Warwickshire.
- Our research will cover the monarchy during the Tudor times and the day-to-day life of people like Henry VIII.
- We will also be looking at what life was like during the Tudor times for both adults and children.
- During this topic, we will be exploring the history and architecture of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Ways you can help at home

- Encourage children to be responsible for remembering their key equipment, including warm PE kit and trainers for a Friday this half-term.
- Ensure your children are increasing speedy recall of their tables and regularly practising the standard method for the four operations.
- Read each day. Ask lots of questions about the text to encourage your child to form their own opinions. And don't forget to sign their reading record, so we can see all their lovely reading!
- Ensure homework is completed and returned on time.
- Help children achieve 100% attendance.