

Year 6 Learning Web

Autumn 2 2018

English Focus

- This half-term, we will be using the Shakespeare play 'Macbeth' to inspire our writing and drama. 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.
- Using different stimuli will be a large part of our English lessons; we will be using videos, music, images and drama to inspire us.
- In our grammar lessons, we will be learning about colons and semi-colons. We will also be learning about the passive voice and changes between informal and formal writing, as well as consolidating our knowledge of the grammar learnt so far.
- During guided reading, we will be developing our inference and comprehension skills, as well as our ability to analyse a text accurately at speed.

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 be looking at what life was like during the Tudor times for both adults and children.
- We will also be exploring the history and architecture of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Creativity

- We will be focusing on photography skills this half term in art lessons, combining dreams with reality.
- In PE, we will be taking part in tag rugby sessions. Therefore, your child will need to bring a long-sleeved top to wear under their PE top.
- Our English lessons will involve drama each week.

Maths Focus

- **Fractions:** We will be spending the whole half term focusing on fractions and maths that will help us with fractions work.
- We will start by looking at factors and multiples, moving on to BIDMAS (Brackets, Indices, Division, Multiplication, Addition and Subtraction).
- After that, we will be learning about identifying, comparing and converting fractions in practical situations.
- We will be continuing with our problem solving lessons each week, so try some at home for extra practice!

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.

Ways you can help at home

- Encourage your child to be responsible for remembering their key equipment, including warm PE kit and trainers for a Friday this half term.
- Ensure your child is increasing speedy recall of their times 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.