



Year 6 Autumn Term

'It's chocolate but not as we know it...'



Welcome back to year 6. This year we are continuing with our exciting, thematic approach to teaching. This allows children to make connections between areas of learning and consolidate skills. All the themes chosen deliver the programmes of study for the National Curriculum. MFL, R.E and science will be taught discreetly.

Maths

To provide a solid recap of all of their mathematical understanding, children will be thinking about place value. Specifically focusing on large numbers and decimals, before moving on to rounding and place value problems. Using their knowledge of multiplication facts and place value, they will solve questions involving decimals e.g. 0.8×7 . They will also recognise prime numbers as only having two factors and identify prime numbers below 100. Children will spend time recapping and developing skills solving calculations and problems using all 4 operations before moving onto using fractions in multiple ways: simplifying, ordering, and the use of the 4 operations with fractions. They will then learn how to solve multi step problems including some with fractions.

English

In English the children will be working on writing sentences using a full range of punctuation (including higher level punctuation): capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, commas, speech marks, ellipses, semi-colons, dashes, hyphens and colons. They will be encouraged to use conjunctions to improve their writing as well as a variety of sentence openers and powerful adjectives and adverbs. Children will also be encouraged to adapt the formality of their writing to suit the purpose and use a variety of tenses for effect. The children will have spellings to learn on a weekly basis. ARE spellings will be tested on a Monday or Tuesday and a set of new spellings will be given on the same day. Phonics spellings will be on a Wednesday. We will be starting our phonic sessions as class based initially.

Topic

Our topic will involve some geographical studies on the continent of North America, including a focus on Mexico and map skills. Our investigation into the history of chocolate will take us back to the Mayan era, allowing the children to get an in depth knowledge of this period of history. Throughout our topic, the children will be using their computing skills to research and create adverts. The children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of chocolate flavours but also make a chocolate inspired product as part of their DT curriculum. Furthermore, Aztec printing will be the focus in art this term.

PSHEe

A big focus initially in PSHEe will be on the wellbeing of the children after the recent few months. We will then begin to look at money and how our economy works. Year 6 children will also work with Headstart over the year which is run by the council.

Science

As scientists the children will find out about electricity and how to conduct circuits using a range of components. There will be plenty of opportunity for scientific enquiry in this unit.

Religious Education

The children will be looking within their local community of Wolverhampton to discuss and develop opinions on the topic of respect within communities and how this can be developed.

Modern Foreign Languages

In MFL the children will be learning how to speak, write and sing in French.

PE

Children will initially begin with indoor athletics and gymnastics.