



Year 6 Summer Term 1 2020

English

This half term we will be finishing off our work based upon the beautiful book 'The Arrival' by Sean Tan. This wonderful picture book provides an insight into a family who have been forced to separate and live in different countries. The children will be exploring emotions and developing empathy with characters through letters and descriptive writing using images from the book. There are also some great animations of the story on vimeo and youtube.

After this, we will be studying the classic story 'Carrie's War'. This will link in with our World War 2 topic and the children will be completing character descriptions, writing postcards, comparing the lives of characters and describing settings whilst also empathising with characters. We will add links so that the children can listen to the story audibly and we will also be setting language tasks (good preparation for high school!).

Spellings and Reading Masters (studying a variety of genres) will continue as normal.

Maths

In arithmetic sessions, we will be consolidating our understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), reviewing the rules of BIDMAS and practising solving calculations involving fractions (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

In our maths lessons, we will start by looking at data handling. We will learn that there are different types of data and different ways to present data (e.g. line graphs and pie charts). Year 6 will then be studying statistics and probability, as a part of which pupils will become confident in understanding the difference between the mode, mean and medium. Your teachers will also build it time to review key areas of learning that we have previously covered to ensure that you are as 'High School ready' as possible!

Key Vocabulary: eternal, eternity, migration, evacuee, gas mask, VE Day
Key French Vocabulary: Les continents (the continents), notre monde (our world), les habitats (habitats), la jungle (the jungle), le désert (the desert), le océan (the ocean) and le forêt (the forest).

Topic

In French we are continuing to study the world around us ('Notre monde'). We will begin by looking at continents before moving onto learning about animals and their habitats. In art, we will be studying the work of abstract artists, in particular the work of Cubist artists. These will include: Pablo Picasso, Romero Britto, Paul Cezanne and Sandra Sildersweig. Geography lessons will involve learning about fairtrade and economics. Our computing lessons will be aimed towards staying safe online and with social media; we will also be producing some digital presentations on different topics using Google Slides.



Science

Our science topic this half term is the human body, looking in particular at the circulatory system, respiratory system, diet & exercise, drugs & alcohol and their impact on health.



Music

We will be trying to keep up our school singing session with various events throughout the term. Our music sessions will be looking at digital composition using online software.



Sports

We strongly encourage you to try and stay active at this current time, in any way that you can. Exercise is great for the body and the mind. Join Joe Wicks on Youtube at 9am everyday for a fun workout; try learning some dance routines with your family from GoNoodle; or try out some child friendly yoga on the Cosmic Yoga Youtube channel. Get outside as often as you can and if you need a break, there are mindfulness activities suggested every day in our Google Classroom assignments..

RE/RSE

The BIG question..... 'Is anything ever eternal?'. In RE we will be exploring this question and considering the beliefs of different faiths.

Weekly diary

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Access and submit learning via Google classroom
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Key Dates this Half-Term

Wednesday 20th May	Y6 Virtual Cafe - Join us for our virtual cafe at the end of term where we will be completing some fun craft activities together and maybe eating a virtual biscuit or two!
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News

We would like to welcome back all children and their families. We hope that you have all had a wonderful Spring break and managed to enjoy some of the lovely sunshine.

Thank you to everyone who has managed to complete some online learning activities on Google Classroom and on Mymaths. Some of you have also completed paper learning packs and returned them to school which is fantastic. Please can we remind everyone that there is an expectation that home learning activities will be completed during school closures. If you complete any other activities such as gardening, cooking, lego challenges, design and make tasks etc we would love you to upload a photo onto your classroom page or email them to the office too!

Don't forget, you also need to be getting lots of fresh air and exercise so aim to get outside for at least 30 minutes everyday.