



Year 6 Spring Term 1 2020

English

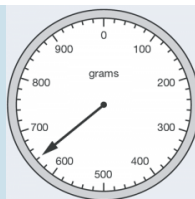
This half term in English we will be studying the African Slave Trade as part of our History topic 'Benin'. We will focus upon: explanations, persuasive writing, journalistic writing and diary writing. Editing will continue to remain a focus and we will continue to develop the skills of peer and self assessment techniques. Children will be encouraged to identify misspelled words and use dictionaries.



In our Reading Masters sessions, we will continue to focus upon vocabulary choices and the impact on the reader and developing our retrieval and inference skills. It is essential that children keep a note of and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary when reading at home. During spelling sessions, we will focus upon suffixes and how spellings change.

Maths

This half-term in maths we will be studying **shape, space and measure**. We will identify and compare the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and will be able to name the different parts of a circle (radius, diameter and circumference). We will also learn how to find missing angles and learn about angles that meet at a point, angles on a straight line and vertically opposite angles. For our measure unit we will practise converting between different units of measure (weight, capacity and length) as well as solving problems involving time. In our arithmetic lessons, we will be continuing to focus on solving calculations involving fractions (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing) as well as continuing to develop our understanding of percentages and how to find a percentage of an amount (e.g. finding 15% of 260). Don't forget to keep practising your child's times tables with them at home. They should be fluent in all times tables up to 12×12 .



Key Vocabulary

RE: Guru Granth Sahib, Gurdwara, Sikh, equality, honesty, belonging, spirituality

Science: fossil, adaptation, environment, evolution, inherit, ancestor, offspring, breeding

History: abolish, triangular slave trade, anti, humanitarian, merchant, trader, poverty, plantation, branded, civil war, trade, colony

Computing: photo-edit, pixel, filter, tone, model, 3D, height, width, depth,

French: *Il/ya* (there is/ there are), *c'est* (it is), *l'école* (school) and *professeur* (teacher)

Topic

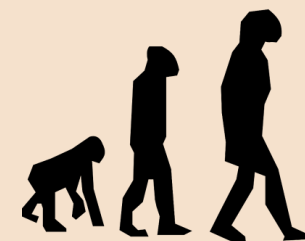
History: Our main topic and history unit this half term is Britain's role in the West-African slave trade. We will work on this throughout the half-term, with the pupils hosting an exhibition in the final week (see key dates).

French: We will learn vocabulary linked to our school and the seasons.



Science

Evolution and inheritance is our central focus for science lessons where we will study Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace's theories on variation and adaptation.



Music

This term we will continue to have weekly music lessons delivered by Sistema. This half-term we will take part in digital music lessons and will learn more about how to create digital music using the app 'GarageBand'.



Sports

During PE and sports sessions, we shall continue to work through our Real PE programme with a focus on the social aspects of sport. Our main designated sport is hockey and some children will continue to attend swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons.



RE / RSE

In RE we will be learning about how Sikh stories are relevant to today and whether they are still important.

In health and relationships lessons, we will be exploring the risks of smoking, alcohol and drug taking. Alongside this, we will be looking at permission seeking and giving within relationships.





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Weekly diary

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Journals hand in. (Make sure you have read x4 times and completed x4 maths activities by today) P.E. kit and water bottles brought into school Bring in library books to change during our class library slot
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring swimming kit in (if applicable)
Wednesday	
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Learning due in
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly spelling test in class and new spellings handed out Home Learning sent home P.E. kits and water bottles to go home for a wash

Key dates this half-term

Monday 13th January	Breakfast revision sessions begin. By invitation only. Letters sent out pre Christmas
Friday 17th January	2:30pm Year 6 Show and share assembly
Wednesday 22nd January	FRIENDS KS2 Movie Night after school
Wednesday 12th February	3-4pm Year 6 Slave Trade Exhibition cafe
Friday 14th February	Year 6 Trip to Sainsbury's Arts Centre
Friday 14th February	Last day of term

News

Mrs White, Mrs Sims and Mr Jones hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable break!

Home Learning

Weekly spellings will be based upon the Year 5/6 word list and will be sent home for your child to learn; they will have a weekly spelling test on a Friday. In addition, your child will need to complete a set number of pages from their CGP workbooks. The page numbers that they need to complete will be provided on a slip inside one of their books every Friday.

School Trips

If there are any parents who would be willing to come along on a school trip with us this year or on those of other year groups, please speak to your child's class teacher!

