

Stags Class

As the nights draw in and autumn turns to winter, our themes are becoming somewhat darker...

Our learning theme for this half term is "Ghouls, Rules and Fools...and other stuff!" This reflects the English, History and Science we will be covering.

Our History topic looks at aspects of "Crime and Punishment" in different historical periods and how people's attitudes and responses have changed towards these concepts.

In English, Year 6 will be reading spooky/ghost stories, starting with "Clockwork" by Philip Pullman and moving on to "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. The class will learn about the ways authors build tension and atmosphere in their writing, and will have opportunities to use these techniques in their own work.

Another aim is to extend and deepen the children's reading skills through engaging with more challenging texts, appropriate for Year 6. It is important that they are increasingly confident at understanding the vocabulary and nuances of a range of genres as we go through the year.

In Maths, our main focus will be on fractions, recapping on previous learning and moving on to more advanced fraction topics, including multiplication, division and further work with mixed numbers. Later in the term, we will move on to learning about metric and imperial units/measures.

We will continue to develop our oracy skills in maths, so the children have opportunities to improve their explaining and reasoning.

Links to Prior Learning

In Science this term, our theme will be "States of Matter", where we will be finding out about solids, liquids and gases – the "stuff" everything is made from. The class will investigate changes between these different states, how to separate materials and why we make objects from particular materials.



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In French, we are learning the vocabulary of daily routines, including times and meals. In Computing, we will be continuing our "Web page creation" topic, as we only made limited progress with this last term. The children will be developing their painting skills in Art.

Once a week, Mrs Slingsby will be in Year 6 to teach RE, PHSE and Music.

Reminders: Please can your child bring their book and reading journal to school every day. We will spend time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change library books each week.

PE will now be on Thursdays and we are asking the class to come to school in their PE kits each Thursday – the plan is to do gymnastics this term, which will usually be in the afternoon but will be in the morning in some weeks.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

Supporting your child at home:

I will continue to hand out English and Maths homework on Fridays to help reinforce what we have covered in class. Each task should take about 20 – 30 minutes to do and be returned by the following Friday. Although we will continue to learn and practise spellings, there will no longer be a weekly spelling test. Your child can still access TT Rockstars and Purple Mash at home. The class would benefit from continuing to practise tables frequently.

Dates for your diary:

Friendship week – **w/b Monday 13th Nov**

INSET (school closed) – **Friday 24th Nov**

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – **3:30 Fri 15th Dec**

Christmas jumpers / end of term – **Wed 20th Dec**