



Year 6 – Spring Term 1

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope you had a restful yet fun-filled Christmas break. We have another exciting term planned. Please remember to look at our latest news and photographs on both our Twitter page and school website (<https://www.gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/>)

Important Dates:

Tuesday 3rd January – Inset Day

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th January – KS2 Spellings Days

Friday 6th January –KS2 Anglo-Saxon Workshop

Monday 9th January- P.E Intra-Competition Day

Monday 16th January - Leave a Legacy Week

Thursday 2nd February – Year 6 Dental Survey

W/C: Monday 6th February – Children’s Mental Health Week and Confidence and Self – Belief Week

Tuesday 7th February- Online Safety Day

Tuesday 7th February- Rock Kidz (Dress up as rock stars)

Wednesday 8th February- School Disco – 4.30pm -5.30pm

Friday 10th February - 9.15am – 10.30am – Parent Workshop

English

Our class text this term is the well-known, William Shakespeare’s, Macbeth. We will start by looking at the life of Shakespeare and his legacy. Focusing on the play Macbeth, we will enjoy using our reading skills to develop our understanding of the story. Using drama, the pupils will develop and understanding of the characters and the reasons for the events in the story. Pupils will develop their understanding of play scripts, poetry, descriptive writing, balanced arguments as well as a debate based on the plot of the story.

During children’s mental health week, we will then focus on poetry, looking at poems with imagery using the text ‘An Emotional Menagerie’. We will read a selection of poems all linked to emotions, discuss the writing styles and create our own poems in the same style.

This term we will focus on the sentence types of:

Simile – like a, as a (The moon hung above us like a patient, pale, white face)

BOYS sentences – but, or, yet, so (It was a warm day, yet storm clouds gathered over the distant mountains.)

Ing, ed sentences – Ing starter, followed by ed action (Dancing in the studio, she watched in the mirror as a shadow appeared.)

Reading

Our class novel this term will be Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman linked to our topic. In guided reading sessions, pupils will meet a wide range of texts developing their understanding of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Using a historical based story, the children will work on word meaning and comprehension skills.

Please continue to access Reading Plus at home, to support your child’s reading progress.

<https://educator.readingplus.com/login#/state/1/s/11674504/overview//>

Maths

Our class focus this half term will be fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be: comparing and ordering fractions teaching them to use their knowledge of factors and multiples to change the denominators to a common number in order to compare; recalling and using equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages; adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers; simplifying fractions; multiplying and dividing fractions. Knowledge of times tables and division facts is key to the children being able to access this maths so please encourage them to use TT Rockstars as often as possible.
<https://trockstars.com/>

Art

This half term will be creating a 3D sculpture choosing the appropriate materials and techniques to build upon our knowledge of history.

PSHE

Pupil's will continue having a weekly mental health and wellbeing session called 'My Happy Mind', which will take place on a Monday.

In addition, in PSHE lesson, pupils will focus on 'Keeping Safe'. During this unit, we will be learning about what is healthy and unhealthy focusing on risks. Information will be given on smoking, vaping, drugs (including alcohol and caffeine) to make children aware of the dangers that could surround them on their transition to high school.

Music

We will use different contexts from other subjects including English and history to improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music.

French

In French, we will be developing our understanding of French phonetics before moving onto learning and developing our understanding of French through the topic of pes.

Computing

We will focus on learning how to select, use and combine a variety of software to design and create content for a given audience.

PE

This half-term P.E will take place on a **Tuesday and a Friday**. Pupils will receive expert coaching from Coach Anthony who will specialise in Judo on a Tuesday. On Fridays, pupils will develop their skills of invasion games playing rugby.

Topic

In our exciting Anglo-Saxon and Viking's topic, we will delve into the statement 'The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings were the same people and were nothing but vicious invaders' We will start our topic with a fun workshop by the Historic Workshop team on Friday 6th January.

Watch the videos on what we will be learning on
<https://www.historicworkshops.com/>

With this topic, pupils will be learning about how, when and where the Angles, Saxons, Jutes and Vikings came from; how this invasion was seen by the native Britons and using a range of resources to support our learning. If you would like to support your child's learning in this topic, please join us with project to learn about the Anglo-Saxon and Vikings and their lifestyle.

Science

In science, we will begin our new topic on light. Pupils will build upon their knowledge of Isaac Newton in understanding how he developed his theories of light whilst learning how objects reflect light. Pupils will take part in a 'Crime Lab' investigation to support their understanding of light.

RE

We will continue to explore the meaning of the journey of life however this time with the focus of Islam. Pupils will develop their understanding of Islam.