



Year 6 – Spring Term

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas! This term sees the start of our new topic on North America and the transatlantic slave trade which will build on our previous topic of the British Empire.

Please remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk> of what we get up to in Year 6! Here we share lots of exciting things that are happening in school.

Important Dates:

Thursday 18th January - Rock Kidz Day (dress up as Rock Star)

Thursday 1st February – SATs Parents Meeting 5pm

Friday 2nd February – Year 6 Dental Survey

Tuesday 6th February – Online safety day

Thursday 8th February- School Disco (KS2 4.30-5.30pm)

Friday 9th February – Own clothes day

Monday 19th February - STAFF INSET DAY (School closed)

Tuesday 20th February - NSPCC - virtual assembly

Wednesday 21st February - NSPCC Y6 workshop

Wednesday 28th February – Parents Evening

Monday 4th March – Book Week

Wednesday 27th March – Y5 & Y6 Slavery Museum Trip

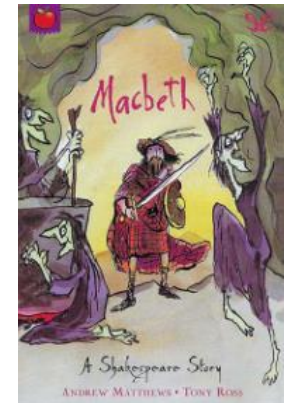
Thursday 28th March: Own Clothes Day

Thursday 28th March- Finish for Easter

English

This term in English, we will be studying Macbeth by the famous playwright William Shakespeare. During this unit the pupils will be reading and understanding different versions of the story, acting out scenes in drama and creating their own verses for the witch's lament.

In writing sessions, pupils will write their own playscript; write a balanced argument; create a historical news article and write in a variety of different characters.



Reading

Our whole class reading text this term is The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo. During our study of this text, we will be discussing our thoughts, feelings and opinions of the characters and plot. In our comprehension focus we will be exploring a range of inference and explanation questions where the children will have to explain their answer in detail and use evidence from the text to back up their thoughts. Each week the pupils will also complete short comprehension tasks on a variety of non-fiction texts and poetry.

Maths

We will begin the term developing our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. In this unit, we will be learning to solve problems involving converting between them, solving fraction and percentage of amount problems and moving onto using these skills with measurements. Pupils will recap on metric measurements for length, mass and capacity before moving onto imperial measurements and knowing the conversions.

Every week, pupils will also complete 38 arithmetic questions in 30 minutes to revise topics covered in the autumn term. Look out for extra dojo points for your child's progress and achievement in this.

Science

In science, we will begin our new topic on light building upon our Year 3 knowledge and understanding. During this topic we will be answering the questions: how does light travel? How does the eye work? Why do things look different in water?

Computing

This half-term we are going to focus upon using Microsoft Excel to create a spreadsheet for collecting their own Year 6 data. After becoming familiar with the format of a spreadsheet, the pupils will be taught simple formulas, collecting data and formatting graphs.

French

In French, we will complete our topic on 'Le Weekend'. We will learn the correct vocabulary for time and leisure activities, before joining our new-found language skills together with a range of connectives.

RE

We will explore the meaning of the journey of life through Hinduism with a specific focus on samsa, karma and moksha and how these linked. We will describe and explain the four ashramas (stages of life) in the life of a Hindu.

History and Geography

In our interesting history topic on the Transatlantic slave trade we will be answering the question:

Does Sir Henry Tate leave a positive or negative legacy to Chorley?

Over the years there has been much debate about Henry Tate's association with slavery. As we reflect on this important question, we will be studying the Transatlantic slave trade before discussing if Sir Henry Tate was linked to this with his links to America and the Tate & Lyle Sugar Company.

If you wish to learn more, please feel free to read this article: <https://www.tate.org.uk/about-us/history-tate/tate-galleries-and-slavery>

In geography, we will be studying the diverse geography of North America and answering the question:

Why is North America such a powerful continent?

Music

This half term will see the children composing a piece of music with sections that include repetition and contrast inspired by our study of Macbeth.

PE

This half-term P.E will take place on **Tuesdays** and will focus on dance. During dance sessions, children will be using their skills of movement and coordination to put together a sequence of movements and dance.

Art and DT

Cityscapes is our exciting topic this term. During this unit we will be studying a range of artists who create 3D, abstract, watercolour, silhouette and fun scenes based on famous cities from around the globe. The pupils will then create their own cityscape using inspiration and their own ideas.

Watch out for these on our website next half term.

PSHE

This term, we will be looking at the topic 'Rights and Responsibilities.' The key areas of learning will be about bias, what it means and what makes a report biased.