

English

We will be focusing on the text '*Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story*' by Bali Rai. Using this book as a stimulus, pupils will develop their writing skills through both narrative and non-chronological report writing. They will explore the experiences of those involved in the Dunkirk evacuation and use their historical knowledge to write engaging stories and informative reports about life during the Second World War. Children will also continue to take part in weekly reading and grammar/spelling activities.

Computing

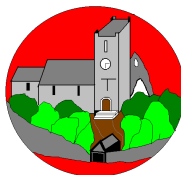
In Computing we will be focusing on the unit 'Selection in Quizzes'. Pupils learn how selection is used in programming by exploring conditions and the 'if... then... else...' structure in Scratch. They design, create, test and evaluate interactive quizzes, developing their understanding of algorithms, logical reasoning and how programs respond to different user inputs.

History

This half term, pupils will develop their chronological understanding of key periods in Britain's past and place the First World War within the wider historical timeline. They learn how historians use primary sources and through a study of the WW1, pupils research a real family using census records and wartime sources, exploring how the war affected their lives and how the world around them changed.

Relationship Education/ PSHE

In our topic on Keeping Safe, pupils will learn how to recognise risky, unsafe and emergency situations, make responsible choices to keep themselves safe, and understand the difference between positive risk-taking and dangerous behaviour. They also develop basic first aid skills and learn how to respond confidently in an emergency.



Year 5/6 Curriculum Information

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Science

In our Science lessons we will cover the unit 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. We will compare everyday materials based on their properties and learn about reversible and irreversible changes. We will also use our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to explain how liquids can dissolve and can be separated. In addition to this, we will work on 'Earth and Space', learning about space travel, planets, the moon and satellites.

MFL

As well as finishing our unit on 'Les Vêtements' (clothes), we will be working on 'Les Jeux Olympiques' (The Olympic Games). In this unit, pupils learn to talk about the Olympic Games in French, including key facts about both ancient and modern Olympics. They memorise and correctly use vocabulary for 10 Olympic sports, including spelling and gender, and learn to use the verb *faire* to say who does different sports.

Design and Technology

In addition to continuing the unit started last half term (designing and making our own mechanical cam toys) we will begin to work on electrical systems, using simple programming and control to create an illuminated sign.

Maths

Year 5 will continue to work on operations multiplying numbers of up to 4 digits by 2 digits and practicing problem solving in division where they must interpret remainders accurately. They will also focus again on fractions, decimals and percentages before developing their understanding of area and perimeter in shapes, calculating angles, plotting coordinates, and reflecting and translating shapes.

After working hard on their SATs last term, Year 6 pupils will focus on applying their mathematical knowledge and skills through practical investigations, reasoning challenges and real-life problem-solving activities. This helps them deepen their understanding, develop confidence in using maths in different contexts.

PE

This half term, we will be focusing on athletics. Pupils take part in a range of athletic activities including running, jumping and throwing (such as long and short distance running, triple jump, discus and shot put). In addition to this, they will also take part in a countdown cricket competition, sports day and a Quidditch festival.

RE

We will be covering the unit, 'What can we learn about religious diversity in our area?' Children will be able to name the different faith communities there are in County Durham, including looking at three Christian denominations and the locations of mosques and a Buddhist Monastery in the Northeast.

Music

Our Music unit will continue to focus on developing understanding of staff and other musical notations. Children will use this knowledge to improvise and compose music for a range of purposes.