Year Six Curriculum Overview - Autumn 2

Literacy

Our text this half term is Wonder by R. J. Palacio. We will use this book to inspire our writing of persuasive letters and narratives. We are going to revise the use of the present perfect tense and its use in persuasive writing, as well as solidifying how and when to use relative clauses. Handwriting continues to be a focus in our three weekly lessons. We will also have daily spellings lessons where we revise some of the year five content before introducing new, year six vocabulary. Spellings will be on Seesaw every Friday with the expectation that they are submitted by the following Friday morning (children should take on the job of doing this – it's great preparation for next year).

Population

Main foundation subject link: **Geography**
See knowledge organiser for more details.

School Journey Assembly – Friday 13th October

Key Experiences:
Goldsmiths workshop in school – 25th November
Visit to Goldsmiths – 3rd December (volunteer info to follow)

Maths

This half term we will start with fractions, including:

- equivalent fractions and simplifying
- comparing and ordering fractions
- adding and subtracting fractions
- multiplying and dividing fractions
- finding fractions of amounts

Throughout the term, we will continue to have weekly arithmetic quizzes to track progress, which children should take home with them every Friday.

Science:
Animals, Including Humans

This half term, we will be identifying and naming main parts of the human circulatory system and describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. In addition, we will be recognising the impact diet, drugs and exercise have on bodies and the ways they function.

DT

In DT, we will be creating, evaluating and refining a recipe. We will aim to demonstrate a range of baking/cooking techniques and think about how to stay safe and keep others safe when working with food. We'll also be thinking about traditions and food for occasions.

PE

Nicole and Charlotte will take the classes for dodgeball on Fridays. Reuben will take both classes for gymnastics on Thursday afternoons. Please remind your child that, as always, they should be dressed for movement and should definitely be wearing trainers on these days.

Religious Education

This term our key theme is Buddhism and following the Buddha's teaching.
We will explore:
- How Buddhists follow the teachings of Buddha
- The importance of good values
- The five moral precepts

Music

This term we will continue to have drumming lessons with Andres, where we will work on solidifying our Samba skills. We will also have singing assemblies every Wednesday. In class (in the next few weeks) we'll start learning our Christmas sing-a-long songs. We will also be listening to the works of Lin Manuel Miranda - our artist of the half-term.

PSHE

Weekly circle time lessons will provide a safe space to explore our school values. This term is all about valuing difference. We will have discussions around challenging stereotypes, resolving conflict and change and loss.

Italian

This half term, the children will continue developing the knowledge and skills to be able to introduce themselves, say how they feel and have a wider appreciation for the country/countries where Italian is spoken.

Computing

This half term is about technology past, present and future. We will be exploring code-breaking at Bletchley Park, historical figures in computing and the evolution of computers. We'll finish by designing a computer of the future and creating an audio advert.