

Year 6:

Remember us

RE: We will be understanding Humanism as a faith and asking the questions about how Humanists decide on what to believe, their views on happiness and their values in life.

PE: This half term we will be developing our stamina for running through our cross country unit and learning the rules and techniques to play Tag Rugby. Both PE sessions will take place on Mondays and will be outside, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

English: We will be using some wonderful texts to explore the theme of the First World War including 'Archie's War' by Marcia Williams and 'War Game' by Michael Forman, which is about the Christmas Day football match played in no-man's land in 1914. We will develop our creative writing skills using these texts as stimuli.

Our non-fiction focus will be on biographies and this will link to our science topic where we will research the lives and work of famous scientists including Edward Jenner and Alexander Fleming.

Spanish: We are pleased that we still have the opportunity this half term to work with staff from Cambourne Village College to focus on vocabulary and conversational skills.

PSHE: We will develop an understanding of the key characteristics of bullying and the different forms bullying can take. We will explore the general differences and similarities in the ways that girls and boys engage in bullying alongside the reasons why bullying happens. Consideration for the feelings of those children who are bullied and those that witness bullying will also be covered.

History: We will study aspects of life in the time leading up to the outbreak of the First World War and also consider life in the trenches, with a key focus being on the Christmas Day 1914 football match in no-man's land. We shall also be reflecting on why we still commemorate and remember these events and the significance of Remembrance Day.

Science: Our focus unit is 'The Nature Library' in which we will be exploring the process of classification when identifying living things. The children will also look at how micro-organisms can have both harmful and beneficial effects for humans. This will include looking into trench foot and the living condition throughout WWI. The children will also have the opportunity to carry out practical investigations on limiting microbial growth and finding the most suitable storage conditions.

Computing: Quizzing

During the last year I am sure the children have all enjoyed taking part in family quizzes. In this unit they will learn how to create their own quiz. They will use the apps available on Purple Mash to create picture based quizzes for younger children, quizzes for their peers and quizzes to use on their teacher or their families at home.

Art and Design: To link with our topic about Remembrance, we will be creating poppy artwork, inspired by local artists, using a range of media.

Maths:

- We will be simplifying, comparing, adding and subtracting fractions
- Finding percentages of number
- Formal written methods of division
- We will be solving problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure - including time
- Drawing 2D shapes using given dimensions or angles
- Building 3D nets

As well as this, we will be continuing to learn and consolidate the written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

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Now that the children have settled back into relatively normal routines of school we are beginning to see a greater maturity and increased dedication to their final year at Monkfield Park. As most Year 6 children are now gaining independence and coming to and from school alone, please feel free to send an email to the office if you have questions that you would ordinarily ask at the gate but no longer can as you do not accompany your child to/from school.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set via Seesaw and ideally submitted electronically weekly. Maths and spellings are also set electronically via Mathletics and Readwriter speller. Paper copies can be made available if technical difficulties occur. Reading books and records are checked weekly, with the expectation that over the course of a week an average of 70 pages have been read and one task completed. The children are now logged into a program called 'accelerated reader' which will allocate their reading age, suggest recommended books for their reading ability and test them on their understanding of the books that they have read on completion. All accelerated reader checks will be taken during the school day. For this reason, reading books and reading records must be available in school daily.

Ways in which you can help your child

- * Check homework books and support your child in completing their homework
- * Regularly reading with your child and discussing the text
- * Test your child on their spellings concentrating on the patterns in the Year 3/4 and 5/6 words
- * Looking through SPAG terms using:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244216/English_Glossary.pdf
- * Practise telling the time <https://gb.education.com/games/time/>
- * Give opportunities to use money, including calculating change
- * Practise times tables facts and related division facts (up to 12 x 12)
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

PE

PE will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon and children will be taking part in cross country activities as well as Tag Rugby. Both of these units will be outside and therefore the children must attend school in appropriate warm outdoor PE kit.

WOW Day

During this half term we plan to hold a WWI WOW day. For this we will encourage the children to dress appropriately for the era and take part in baking Yorkshire Parkin, making bravery medals and learning first aid. The dates and further details of this event will be sent separately.

PGL

PGL has been provisionally booked for the week beginning 23rd May. A letter with additional details will follow separately.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 8th November
Monday 12th November
Monday 15th November
Friday 17th December

Whole school writing week
Flu Vaccinations
Anti-Bullying week
Last day of term