



Year 6: Crime and Punishment

MATHS

Throughout this half term we will be focusing on:

- Number and place value (Including negative numbers)
- The 4 operations
- Fractions
- Converting measures
- Decimals and percentages

SCIENCE

After the SAW project we will be looking at electricity in our unit: ***Danger! Low voltage:*** We will learn to represent circuits using symbols in a diagram. The children will learn about two of the most important scientific inventors in the field of electricity – Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla.

HISTORY

As our English topic is Robin Hood and we will be debating whether he was a villain, our history topic focus will be on Crime and Punishment through the years. We will be focusing on how crime and punishment differs in modern day to that of Robin Hood's era.

DT

Inspired by the legend of Robin Hood, we will be designing and creating our own shelters in DT.

PSHE

Diversity and Communities

This Citizenship unit aims to develop the children's sense of personal identity and self-worth, as well as teaching them to consider and respect the needs and views of others. They will learn about the ethnic make-up of both the local and national community, and the benefits of living in a diverse society. They will develop their understanding of the negative effects of stereotyping and prejudice, and of the impact of racism, sexism and homophobia.

ENGLISH

Our narrative work will focus on the legend of Robin Hood, exploring the motivations behind characters' actions. Our big question is: Was Robin Hood a hero or Villain? We will explore the story through different perspectives using different versions of the legend. Using this as a stimulus, children will write their own version of the Robin Hood legend.

COMPUTING

We will be working on text adventures, planning, and making a story-based adventure. We will build on our knowledge of coding in this unit to create a map-based adventure game based on the theme of heroes and villains.

PE

Games: Hockey
Dance: Choreographing a dance influenced by James Bond

M.F.L

Our work with staff from Cambourne Village College continues as we focus on our Spanish vocabulary and conversational skills.

RE

Secular world view: How do you know it's true?

PUNISHMENT

Delphinus and Pegasus Class

We would like to wish you an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. We hope the children are looking forward to the exciting activities we have planned for the Spring term. If you have any queries or concerns at any point during the term please do not hesitate to contact us or make an appointment to meet Mrs Johnson or Mr Yates.

PGL Payments

A list of the remaining PGL payments for those using the monthly payment schedule is included in the 'Important Dates' section at the end of this letter. For those using payment scheme A please may we remind you that the final balance is payable by **Wednesday 18th March**.

The SAW project:

The Science, Art and Writing (SAW) initiative (www.sawtrust.org; registered charity no. 1113386) is an innovative way of getting young people excited about exploring and understanding science and of stimulating creativity across the curriculum. Thankfully, we have been able to book this exciting opportunity again for our current Year 6 children with our project beginning on **Monday 13th January**.

Ways in which you can help your child:

- * Regularly read with your child and discuss what they have read using the question sheet in the back of your child's reading record. Although it is not expected for children to read to an adult every day, they are expected to read for at least 20 minutes a day independently
- * Test your child on their spellings and play word games using their spelling words
- * Practise telling the time
- * Give opportunities to use money, including calculating change
- * Practise times tables facts and related division facts (up to 12 x 12) using their times table rock stars accounts

PE

Children must have their correct PE kit in school at all times. To avoid unnecessary disruption to the curriculum please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on Monday and that it is taken home to be washed on Friday. Children will need **both indoor kit** (blue shorts and a white T shirt) **and outdoor kit** (warm jogging bottoms, a warm sweatshirt and sensible, supportive training shoes) at all times throughout the term as outdoor games will take place each week. Children will only be excused from PE on medical grounds if we receive a letter from the parent/carer.

SATS Information Evening

In May 2020 the children will be sitting the end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests or SATs. On Tuesday 21st January we will be holding an information evening for parents and carers. This will give us the opportunity to explain the SATS process to you and give you the chance to ask any questions you may have. Please look out for further details after Christmas.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Friday 3 rd January	INSET day (children not in school)
Monday 6 th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 15 th January	PGL payment due
Tuesday 21 st January	<i>Parents evening for SATs (more information to come)</i>
Wednesday 12 th February	PGL payment due
Friday 14 th February	Last day of term
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school