



Year 6 - During this term, our theme is
'How has crime and punishment changed?'



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English	This half term we will be finishing 'Room 13' by Robert Swindells and using this amazing book as a focus for much of our reading work. As well as this, we will be using the short film 'Alma' as a stimulus for much of our writing. We will be writing extended narratives using a range of devices, and particularly focusing on writing effective endings. We will also continue to focus on developing the children's SPaG knowledge and reading skills in preparation for SATs beginning 13 th May.	Encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and explore new authors. They may also like to visit the library to read other books from the same genre, or books by Robert Swindells. Reading regularly is vital for our Year 6 children. Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day.
Maths	We will be revising everything we have learnt in Year 6 to prepare us for SATs this half term. Some of the areas we will be looking at include: fractions, decimals and percentages, place value, ratio and proportion, algebra and word problems involving a mixture of arithmetic.	Encourage the use of maths at home as much as possible. Quick recall of times tables and number facts are beneficial to your child. Challenge your child to recall their times tables as quickly as they can to develop their confidence with this.
Geography 'How are the Earth's Natural Resources Distributed?'	We will be completing our geography unit at the beginning of this half term. The children will discover what we mean by 'natural resources', why we use them and how they are distributed around the world. They will also learn about trade and how resources travel around the world. We will be looking at different sources of energy, and finding out which of these are renewable and which are non-renewable. Our final lesson will be considering how resource exploitation affects the environment.	Discuss how you use natural resources at home. Can your child identify objects within the home that have been made from natural resources? What types of energy do you use? Are these renewable or non-renewable?
History 'How has crime and punishment changed through the ages?'	During our History topic this half term, the children will examine exactly how crime and punishment has changed through the ages. We will compare and contrast how people were punished for the crimes they committed during the Roman era, the Anglo-Saxon age, the Tudor period and during Victorian Britain, before comparing them to how crimes are dealt with today.	Think about an area at home that has changed over time, using a photograph as a stimulus if possible. Your child can sketch the place and then annotate it to show how it is now and what has changed.
Science 'Evolution and Inheritance'	The children will have the opportunity during our Science lessons this half term to build on knowledge and learning acquired during Year 3. Children will learn about evolution, inheritance and adaptation as well as about Charles Darwin and his Theory of Evolution. The children will have the opportunity to examine fossils and learn how certain species have evolved and adapted over time, based on their habitat, in order to survive.	Use the internet to search for what is meant by a 'living fossil', then try to see how many examples of living fossils your child can collate. Why not use DK findout! to research Charles Darwin and see what you can find out: https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/famous-scientists/charles-darwin/

Religious Education 'Hinduism'	This term, the children will identify and explain key Hindu beliefs and look at stories relating to these. They will make connections to the beliefs studied and explain why they are important to Hindus.	Ask your child to choose a different major world religion and find out what the key beliefs are and how they compare to Hinduism. Do some research on this topic to share in class.
Physical Education (Year 6 PE is on a Friday)	We will be learning how to play cricket this half term. The children will learn how to bat, field and bowl correctly, before creating, understanding and applying attacking tactics in game situations.	Encourage your child to practise throwing, catching and bowling at home. Now the nights are getting lighter, more time can be spent outside.
Computing Digital Agency - Clips	This half term, the children will be using 'Clips'. This application allows them to create videos on a range of topics. They will learn how to create a new project and name it; use and manipulate text for effect on a selfie film; use images, text and stickers effectively to support audience engagement in a presentation; and use soundtracks/music to improve a presentation.	Children can practise using their skills in any video making application they have access to at home.
Art	During our In2 sessions this term, the children will be working with artists from <i>Bloominart</i> to use a variety of mediums and develop a range of techniques to enable them to create a piece of artwork. This project will also include a trip to the railway museum in Shildon to provide inspiration for the artwork.	Ask your child to research traditional railway posters and encourage them to create their own poster for either Darlington or Northwood in this style.
PSHE	How can I make a difference in my community? We will be thinking about citizenship this half term. What does it mean to be a good citizen and how can we show this? We will also be learning about what the government is and why they are important for British life?	Think about what you could do at home and in your surrounding area to show you are a thoughtful citizen. Maybe you could go on a litter pick or do something thoughtful for a neighbour.

Year Group: 6 Term: Summer 1 (2023-2024) Class Teachers: Mrs Osborne, Mrs Coates and Mr Curtis
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'How Sustainable is the UK?'



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English	This half term we will be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and using this amazing book as a focus for much of our English work. This is a story about a boy called Stanley Yelnats, whose bad lucks unfairly lands him in the juvenile detention centre of Camp Green Lake. He and his campmates are forced to dig holes in order to build their character. It contains elements of comedy, crime, punishment and redemption.	Encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and explore new authors. They may also like to visit the library to read other books from the same genre, or other books by Louis Sachar. Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes per day.
Maths	We will be revising some of the work already taught in Year 6, as well as consolidating their knowledge of statistics through fieldwork in geography. Other areas we will cover are 2D and 3D shape including properties of shapes and nets, scale factors, converting units of measure, and ratio and proportion.	Ask your child to share their knowledge of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Can they find examples of these shapes at home or in their local environment?
Geography 'How Sustainable is the UK?'	In this unit of work, the children will learn that the need for natural resources and energy is increasing. To protect the Earth, people are exploring new, more sustainable ways of sourcing energy. We will be revisiting the key geographical features of the United Kingdom before learning about the main sectors of the UK's economy and discovering how we can protect our world by living more sustainably.	Research sustainable energy methods with your child. Discuss with your child how the world and environment has changed since yours and your parents' generations were young.
Science 'Evolution'	During our Science lessons this half term, we will be building on the children's learning from the Year 3 'Rocks' unit as well as the Animals including Humans and Living Things and their Habitats units. Children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will examine the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution.	Encourage your child to carry out some research on Charles Darwin and the work he carried out on the Galapagos Islands. They could create a PowerPoint, poster or leaflet to share in class, which demonstrates their learning at home.

Physical Education Athletics Rounders	<p>This half term we will be learning how to play the team game of rounders as well as practising a range of athletic skills in preparation for our upcoming Sports Day.</p>	<p>Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit (plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts and trainers or sand shoes) on Fridays.</p>
Computing Digital Agency: Clips Coding with Scratch	<p>This half term, the children will continue to use 'Clips'. This application allows them to create videos on a range of topics. They will practise what they learnt last half term before moving on to use soundtracks/music to improve a presentation they have made. We will also be having an exciting Coding Day in school where the children will be given the opportunity to make their own game using Scratch.</p>	<p>If you have access to a device and the Internet at home, you could encourage your child to use Scratch to create a game, story or animation. https://scratch.mit.edu/</p>
French Clothes	<p>In this unit the children will learn how to repeat and recognise the vocabulary for a variety of clothes in French and use the appropriate genders and articles for these clothes. They will also learn how to say what they wear in different weather and situations.</p>	<p>Ask your child to practise using the French vocabulary learnt in school at home. Can they teach you any new French words or phrases?</p>
Music 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay'	<p>This Unit of Work consolidates the learning that has occurred during the year. All the learning is focused around revisiting songs and musical activities, a context for the History of Music and the beginnings of the Language of Music.</p>	<p>Have a go at composing a piece of music with your child. They could use household objects such as pans and spoons, or make their own instruments instead.</p>
Art 'Glass In2 Project'	<p>During our In2 sessions this half term, the children will be given an exciting opportunity to work with local artists to design and make glass tiles. They will also work with a writer to create spoken word about their time at primary school and what their future at secondary may look like. These art works and recording of the pupil's voices will be displayed in the foyer of the Hippodrome for everyone to enjoy!</p>	<p>As the summer months are now with us, why not visit a local beach to hunt for sea glass? Seaham is one of the best beaches in the country to find sea glass. Ask your child to create a piece of art work using their glass.</p>
PSHE	<p>This half term, the children will be learning about finances and how to look after their money and save or spend it wisely. They will be finding out about loans, bank accounts and value for money. We will also be thinking about our futures as the end of primary schools draws closer. The children will be asking themselves what their star qualities are and which will they need in the future, as well as discussing what their future may hold.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about pocket money and the value of items on your weekly shopping list. Can they find any good deals or fair trade items on a visit to your local shop?</p>