

## ENGLISH

Our focus for this half-term is poetry. Pupils will explore the reason why poetry is written and be introduced to the focus poet - Steven Camden. The children will examine the techniques used and choice of subject matter- the transition from primary to secondary school - as well as discuss their own reactions to the pieces. Following this, they will focus on performing poetry. The final part of the sequence encourages children to write their own poetry and prepare performances of their own in preparation for Godwin's 'Poetry Slam'.

## GEOGRAPHY

This half term, Year 6 will be learning about Africa, with a focus on the diversity found across the continent. They will explore the geography of the continent: comparing and contrasting different countries; understanding how they are interconnected and interdependent.

## PE

Outdoor PE will see the children working in teams and thinking of effective strategies to use whilst playing netball. Indoors, the focus will be on badminton - pupils will work on key skills to develop their hand-eye coordination.

## PSHE

This half-term, pupils will take part in two PSHE days - focused on 'Healthy Me' and 'Relationships'. They will then explore "Changing Me" - considering the changes their bodies will go through during puberty. They will also discuss conception and the development of a foetus into a baby.



## MUSIC

Year 6 pupils will continue to play and sing the old English song, "Early One Morning" on the glockenspiel. They will sing, both as a collective and as soloists, being encouraged to convey expression and confidence during their performance. Children will also develop their understanding of the importance of silence in music.

## FRENCH

Children will review and recap their learning by using vocabulary learned across the year, both orally and in writing.

## MATHEMATICS

Our maths curriculum for this half-term will focus on algebra and statistics. Children will be learning how to solve a range of increasingly more complex problems in these areas, including developing their understanding of using simple formulae and finding unknown quantities. Pupils will investigate the use of statistics as they develop a more sophisticated awareness of averages - including finding the mean - and how to accurately interpret data from a range of representations, including bar charts, line graphs, pie charts and timetables.

## COMPUTING

Pupils will apply their learning about 2D and 3D shapes to Computer Aided Design (CAD), in which they will create their own 3D models using a computer. They will consider issues like scale, symmetry, materials, rotation and elevation.

## RE

Within RE this half-term we will focus on exploring similarities and differences across a range of faiths and religions, as well as explore the concept of 'celebrations'.

## SCIENCE

Building on what they already know about light travelling in straight lines, children will use this concept to think about why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. They will carry out practical experiments to determine how the position of light sources impacts the size of shadows. They will explore how, because of light, we can see, and also what happens as light enters the eye and what happens when there is little or no light.

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