



Chapter 6 Learning Journey

English

half term, we are going to spend some time writing a piece for our whole school displays all about our city, Liverpool! Year 6 will then move onto exploring the exciting themes of adventure, discovery, and determination through two inspiring texts. In English, pupils will study *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill, using it as inspiration to write their own narratives and magazine articles, focusing on expanding their vocabulary and use of punctuation for effect. In Guided Reading, they will delve into *When Darwin Sailed the Sea* by David Long, developing their comprehension and fact-finding skills as they learn about Darwin's remarkable voyage of exploration. Alongside this, pupils will continue to practise their weekly spellings, focusing on key word families such as *labor & liber, loc & log, maxi & mini, mid & mal, mono & du, and nat & mort*.

Mathematics

Year 6 pupils continue to work hard on practice SATs papers each week together with looking at new topics in Maths. Our focus areas for this half term include BIDMAS and the order of operations. We will then move onto algebra and how letters can be used to represent a number. We will then move onto looking at fractions including equivalent fractions and how to form the simplest form of these, ordering and comparing fractions and recapping converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. We then look to something new - multiplying and dividing fractions by a whole number and multiplying two fractions together. Year 6 will also continue to improve fluency with long division and decimal multiplication, as well as addition and subtraction methods.

Spanish - ¿Qué hora es? y Mi Rutina Diaria

This half term, Year 6 pupils will revisit numbers and will learn how to tell the time in Spanish and daily routine phrases. They will create a timetable of their daily routines to share with our Spanish partner school and will compare meal times, school times and other time differences. The grammar focus will be reflexive verbs and pupils will practise the 'qu' and 'h' phonemes. Children will take part in the Christingle service and will learn more about English/Spanish Christmas traditions. An excellent website to practise these topics at home is www.languagenut.com and excellent apps are Duolingo and Droplets.

Religious Education

This half term, we are continuing our study of Sikhism. We will consider the modern day Khalsa, including the 5 Ks as well as amrit Dhari, kesa Dhari and seha Dhari.

We will also learn about the festival of Vaisakhi as well as the importance of service for Sikhs, including the langar meal in the gurdwara.

Science - Science of Light

In this half term, we will be looking at how light travels from an object to our eyes. We will be using the idea of light to think about how reflection helps us to see, as well as investigating what causes rainbows and understanding what shapes our shadows.

Computing - 3D modelling

Pupils will develop their knowledge and understanding of using an iPad to produce 3D models. Pupils will initially familiarise themselves with working in a 3D space, moving, resizing, and duplicating objects. They will then create hollow objects using placeholders and combine multiple objects to create a model of a desk tidy. Finally, pupils will examine the benefits of grouping and ungrouping 3D objects, then go on to plan, develop, and evaluate their own 3D model of a building.

Physical Education

This half term, the children will be participating in gymnastics. They will be focusing on the topic of matching and mirroring which involves a lot of partner work. The pupils will practice a combination of balances, rolls and jumps and will develop matching and contrasting sequences with a partner. They will continue to focus on invasion games and will have opportunities for competitive fixtures.

Music Christmas around the world

Chapter 6 will study the musical traditions from Asia. They will explore pan Asian winter traditions and musical forms. We will explore pentatonic music and how it is used to compose and perform music. They will perform a winter themed song in a K POP style incorporating harmonies and traditional music accompaniments. Pupils will explore composing using layer loops in a similar style.

Humanities

This half-term's history unit will focus on exploring the rich material culture, complex society, effective governance, and advanced technology of the medieval kingdom of Benin alongside those of Ethiopia. The curriculum intends to provide pupils with a comprehensive understanding of how these two nations shaped their own identities and influenced broader African history. This unit builds upon pupils' earlier



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knowledge of East African worlds gained during Year 4, specifically through the study of the empire of Aksum.

This term's geography unit is Ethiopia: In this unit, we will explore Ethiopia (the second most populated country in Africa). This unit covers Ethiopia's location, its diverse climate and elevation levels, the shape of the land and how Ethiopia (and countries surrounding The Horn of Africa) is affected by tectonic forces (earthquakes and volcanoes).

DT- Making Masks

Children will view and learn about a variety of different masks. They will then design their own theatrical mask borrowing from different influences such as Venetian masks. They will think about the materials they will use and what difficulties they may have. Once they have settled on their final design the children will make and evaluate their own masks.

LC+

This half term in LC+, our focus is going to be learning about Christmas all around the world, considering the traditions found in a variety of countries.