



YEAR 6 - Autumn 2

OUR TOPICS FOR THIS HALF-TERM:

History: Our topic is 'Medieval Monarchs'. We will be learning about Edward I and the development of early Parliament. This will be followed by finding out information about Henry the VIII and the legacy the monarchs left for our country.

Geography: We will be continuing our learning about population. This will include understanding why population changes over time, whether cities can become over-crowded and the population changes in Lagos.

Science: Our topic this term is 'Earth and Space'. This half term the children will be learning about the Earth's orbit around the sun, and the planets in our solar system and how they move around the sun.

DT: We will be learning about food and how to make a food product.

ENGLISH:

Reading:

Our text this term is 'When the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle, a narrative that is set in 1941. It is about an evacuee who is sent to protect a zoo's fierce silverback gorilla. We will use the text to develop our fluency and skills in answering retrieval, inference, vocabulary, summarising and prediction questions.



Writing:

We will be continuing to use Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone as our stimulus for writing. We will focus on our sentence structure and learning about grammatical features such as fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and synonyms. We will use the story as a source of inspiration to write a narrative containing a flashback.



KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:

In Maths, we will be focusing on fractions, including finding equivalent fractions, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We will then move on to working with measurements and converting between different units of measure.

Everyday, we will be practising specific arithmetic skills ready for a weekly arithmetic test on a Friday.

We will continue to focus on ensuring our times tables are embedded so that the students are able to retrieve basic facts with ease and speed. Please can we ask that you encourage your child to log onto TTRS (Times Table Rock Star) at least twice a week to practise these skills.

Helpful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv7dcqt>

<https://mathsbot.com/primaryMenu>

WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

History:

https://www.ducksters.com/history/middle_ages/kings_and_court.php

Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbbkqt>

HELPING AT HOME:

Spellings:

Every week, the children will be given a list of spellings to learn using 'look, cover, write, check'. Regular practice will support their writing and knowledge of spelling patterns. Spelling tests will be on Fridays.

Reading:

It is important that your child is reading regularly at home (minimum 3 times a week).

Times Tables:

Regular practice of Times Tables at home (using TTRS) will help to support your child's mathematical confidence and progress as well as improve their speedy recall of the times tables.

USEFUL VOCABULARY:

Maths:

Numerator
Denominator
Simplify

Science:

Solar System
Rotate
Axis

History:

Dissolution
Tyrant
Legacy

Geography:

Global
Megacity
Migration
Pattern

REMINDERS:

PE days are Monday and Tuesday this half-term

A polite reminder that PE kit is:

- navy or black leggings, joggers or shorts
- plain white t-shirt