

English

Writing to Entertain: Exploring Skellig to inspire our writing through vivid setting descriptions, impactful vocabulary, narrative writing with suspenseful dialogue, and transformation poetry.

Reading: Skellig by David Almond

Grammar: Using vocabulary for effect, hyphenated words for description, accurate speech punctuation, and relative clauses and prepositional phrases to add detail to writing.

Spelling: Year 6, 5, 4 and 3 national curriculum lists and high frequency words misspelled.

RE

Buddhism: What is the 'Buddhist way of life'? Children will learn about the Buddha, the story of Siddhartha Gautama, the Four Noble Truths, meditation and the Eightfold Path

Games and PE

Tag Rugby: pupils learn attacking /defending principles, using skills, strategies, and tactics to outwit opponents while understanding fair play, following rules, and evaluating performances.

Gymnastics: pupils apply compositional principles to develop sequences, build trust, and improve performance through feedback. They focus on the quality and control of their actions.

History

The Battle of Britain (WWII) – part 1: WWII; what caused it? What is appeasement? Who is Winston Churchill? What happened at Dunkirk? What was the Battle of Britain? What was The Blitz?

Science

Evolution and Inheritance: Children will explore variation and adaptation, studying Darwin and Wallace's separate evolution theories and the scientific evidence supporting them.



Year 6 Spring Term One

Trips, key dates and other Reminders

Reminders: Outdoor games on Wednesday, with indoor PE on Friday. Homework to be given in on Monday and returned on Tuesday. Daily reading to be recorded in the home school contact book.

Key Dates: Owls' class assembly: Friday 24th January 2025

Computing

Coding: Increasingly complex coding. How users make choices in the apps they use, learning to make a variety of Sprite Lab apps using a range of variables.

Music

Charanga: Pupils will focus on 'classroom jazz'. Listening and appraising two key pieces of music: Bacharach Anorak and Meet The Blues. Playing instruments to jazz music and improvising their own pieces to the perform and share.

Mathematics

Ratio: pupils will understand and apply the concept of ratio, focusing on comparing quantities. Explore ratios in different contexts, simplify ratios, and solve problems involving equivalent ratios, as well as using ratio in real-life situations.

Algebra: function machines, form expressions, substitutions, formulae, 2-step algebraic equations and finding pairs of values.

Decimals: place value within 1, rounding decimals, adding and subtracting decimals, multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000 and by other whole numbers.

Times Tables: Continued written practice and rolling numbers.

Reasoning: Weekly mixed reasoning questions.

PSHE

Dreams and Goals: Why it is important to have dreams and goals? Comparing our opportunities and life chances with those of some children in developing countries. Discussing whether the world is a fair place and how this makes us feel.

DT Cooking WWII crumble: Pupils are diving into history by exploring the concept of rationing during World War II. They will examine ration books to understand the food allocations provided to families during this period. They will plan and create their own WWII-themed crumbles, reflecting the ingredients and constraints of the time.