



WOODVALE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Curriculum Newsletter – Y6

Autumn 2 - 2019



English

We are using Talk for Writing to write a journey story. We will use subordination, parenthesis and embedded clauses to add detail to our sentences. We will also use adventurous vocabulary for effect to add precise details about the setting and its characters.

Maths

We are using Power Maths to teach: common factors, common multiples, prime numbers up to 100, square and cube numbers, BIDMAS and mental calculations. Then, we will learn about fractions. This will include: simplifying, comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions.

Reading

Each week, we will read a particular text, which we will then define adventurous and unknown vocabulary from. Following that, we will use our weekly text to learn about the key skills of:

- 2a) give / explain the meaning of words in context
- 2b) retrieve and record information
- 2c) summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph
- 2d) explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text

Topic

Our topic this term is a local history study of Northampton's shoe industry called 'Has there ever been a better time to live here?'

By the end of the topic, we will have learnt to:

- develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of local history
- make connections and compare trends over time
- understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources
- use historical terms appropriately
- construct informed responses involving relevant historical information
- address and devise historically valid questions.

Music

This term, we will work on a unit called 'Mythical Creatures' through a modern composer called Mason Bates. We will learn about composition, improvisation and motifs.

Physical Education

Gymnastics will be the focus through the term where children will use coordination and balance to practise jumps, rolls and travelling before linking these together. We will also continue with swimming this term.

Homework

Each week, our homework packs will contain a task for:

- English – usually around Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- Reading – a text to read followed by questions to answer using the text for evidence
- Maths – based on the week's learning
- Spellings - 10 words per week based on the week's learning
- Children are also expected to read daily at home and to practise their times tables using Times Table Rockstars.