

Andrews' Endowed Year 6 Curriculum



Overview Autumn Term 2021

History Topic – Ancient Benin

We will be starting the year off by looking at the ancient civilisation of Benin in West Africa. We will be looking at a timeline of the Benin civilisation, and the evidence we have to show what we know about them. We will be looking at their everyday life, religion, rulers and trade. We will end the unit with looking briefly at European contact, the slave trade and British rule of the country as it is today.

English

This half term we will be completing some smaller week long units to get our writing speed, stamina and use of grammar back to where it should be. We will firstly be basing our writing on a book called 'Here we are', then looking at units about wallace and grommet, a video called the lighthouse and a book opening called moon dial. We will also be basing some non-fiction writing on encyclopedia entries and creating our own.

English

Now we have practiced getting back to writing at length and revising what we should know, we will be completing some longer two and three week long units on the idea of belonging, looking at a book called Eric, discussing at length northern lights by Philip Pullman and ending the term with the poem 'The highwayman'.

Science Topic – Circulatory System

This half term we will be finishing our guided reading work on 'The Pig Hart Boy' and will be completing both science lessons about blood and the circulatory system, as well as PSHE sessions on the ethics of blood transplants, tissue and organ donation, animal testing (in terms of Pig Hart Boy and breeding and growing genetically engineered pigs for human use) and animal rights.

Art – African Art

We will be spending this half term looking at and recreating some classic west African pieces of art, from clay heads from the Benin's, to modern paintings from the region, and comparing them with East African artworks from countries such as Kenya with the Massai in their famous red robes.

Ancient Benin Autumn 1

Computing -

We will be creating: some Pixel Art in the style of 8-Bit games, stop animation and our own gifs.

Computing - Hour of code

The children will be deepening their understanding of coding through creating and playing games.

'The art of being Human' Autumn 2

Art – Meet the Painters

This half term we will be focusing on famous painters including Frida Kahlo who was a Mexican portrait artist, LS Lower who was an English scene painter who was often criticised for painting too simplistically and Joan Miró who was an abstract painter.

PE

Football (Autumn 1)

Handball (Autumn 1)

Street Dance (Autumn 2)

Hockey (Autumn 2)

Science Evolution and inheritance (Autumn 1)

This unit will cover the theory of evolution, adaptation and inheritance in species and introduce key figures such as Mary Anning, Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace.

Biology – Circulatory System (Autumn 2) Building on previous KS2 biology units, we will be investigating the circulatory system. This includes the composition and function of blood, the heart, nutrient deficiency, the circulatory system with veins, arteries and capillaries and having a healthy body.

RE

Autumn 1-Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary? –This unit links well with our science unit and discusses Christian beliefs as God as the creator against atheist understandings of natural selection.

Autumn 2 - People of God - How can following God bring freedom and justice?

Music

Autumn 1

Roundabout – exploring rounds, scales and relays in a covid safe way.

Autumn 2

Journey into space – exploring sounds, their sources and how to make them and varying pitches and volumes.

French

We will be reading a variety of French children's stories and adapting pages from one story to create a new version for our class.

PSHE + Citizenship- Autumn 1

In response to Covid in the second half of the academic year last year, we will be looking more at internet safety, particularly as for a lot of us, our time on the internet has increased. We will also be looking and how to deal with both highs and lows in friendships and how we can help ourselves when situations don't go our way. Finally we will be discussing BBFC or British Board of Film Classification and how to appropriately choose what to watch in both film, tv and internet video content.

Autumn 2

To help with some of the questions the children are already having with reading 'Pig Hart Boy', the children will begin to discuss organ donation along with some animal rights and animal testing concepts. We will also be looking at how we can stay healthy in terms of our body and circulatory system such as diet and exercise.

Maths

As well as continuing our work on place value, the four operations and fractions as well as fluency in arithmetic and problem solving, as will also be focusing on co-ordinates and position, decimals (multiplying, dividing, and linking them to fractions and percentages), basic algebra and formulae, converting and calculating with measures as well as knowing how to convert from imperial to metric measurements. We will also be linking ratio to fractions.