English

Class Novel: Pig Heart Boy & The Final Year

Is it possible to stay the same when everything around you changes?

This term we will be studying the text 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. This is a fantastic scifi novel about hope, acceptance, friendship and staying true to yourself. We will explore a number of different types and styles of writing including short stories, newspapers, letters, and persuasive writing.

We will also enjoy reading the novel 'The Final Year'. This story is told in free verse and follows Nate in his final year at Primary School.

Comprehension, grammar and punctuation are taught throughout the week. Please ensure your child practises and learns their spellings each week and reads at home **every** night.

Bravery

<u>Design Technology</u> Topic: Food to Fuel my body

How does the food I eat impact my body?

During DT lessons we will cover the important topic of healthy eating and how this contributes to a healthy life style. We will make a variety of foods using different cooking techniques. To end the topic, the children will be challenged with designing and making their own healthy, enjoyable and cost effective school dinner.

The Big Question

Where do I fit in to the world?

Self - Acceptance

Trip / Visitor: The British Heart Foundation & Bright Leaders

Who am I?

Year 6

Spring Term

Topic Related Subjects

Belonging

Art Topic: Portraits and Aboriginal Art

How do artists portray themselves through art?

Our Art lessons will begin by focusing on cubism and the work of Pablo Picasso. We will be creating our own cubism inspired portraits. We will then move on to sketching and pencil work to draw our own life-like self-portraits.

Science Topic: Humans

How does my body keep me alive?

We will begin by learning about the circulatory system and what happens inside our body to keep us alive. We will also consider the effects of diet and exercise on the body. Within this, we will investigate the types of exercise which have the most effect on our bodies. Finally, we will discuss factors that can have a harmful effect on our bodies, particularly the circulatory system. The key scientist that we will learn about this term is Professor Casadei who is one of the lead scientists at The British Heart Foundation and a professor at Oxford University.

Communication

History **Topic: The Anglo Saxons and Vikings**

How have the Anglo Saxons and Vikings shaped our country as we know it today?

Our topic will build upon the knowledge we have acquired throughout KS2. We will explore the ruling of Britain after The Romans. Firstly, we will focus on the invasion of the Anglo Saxons before moving on to the Viking attacks. We will explore how both The Anglo Saxons and The Vikings have affected life in Britain as we know it today.

Maths

This term we will cover a range of topics including: decimals, percentages, ratio, algebra and statistics. We will build upon prior knowledge from Year 5 within these topics.

Throughout the term there will be daily opportunities for the children to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.

ALL CHILDREN are expected to master their times tables this term. Please encourage your child to use Times Table Rock Stars each night at home.

Computing

In Computing we will firstly focus on creating websites. The children will learn how to use Google Sites to create their own website on a topic of their choice.

We will also learn how to use spreadsheets to plan and organise events.

Throughout the Year the important issue of Online Safety is visited. This term our key focus units will be: Health, Wellbeing & Lifestyle, Self-Image & Identity and Copyright & Ownership.

Please continue to be vigilant and monitor your child's use of the internet at home

PΕ

Our PE topics this term include, Creative Games, OAA and Gymnastics.

Mr Robinson will lead weekly Games sessions where the focus will be developing tackling, evading and scoring techniques whilst considering how we can create a team plan and vary tactics to outwit opponents.

In gymnastics we will focus on partner balances using each other for support before building up to creating our own routines using apparatus.

Year 6

Non-Topic Related Subjects







Message from Miss Birch

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holidays. This term is set to be an exciting one with lots of opportunities to learn new things and develop our skills.

If you do have any questions or queries throughout the term, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks, Miss Birch

<u>RE</u>

Our topics in RE this term are 'Jesus, the bread of life' and 'The Son of God'.

We will explore themes of love and sacrifice, considering what Jesus' sacrifice means for us. We will also study parts of the Mass, considering how we can be active members of the Church during Mass time.

Please join us for the End of Term Mass on 27th March, where Y6 will lead the school in prayer.

French

In French we will continue to work on our listening, speaking and writing skills. Our topic will be pets.

Music

Our Music topic this half term is 'Creative Composition'. We will learn to play the glockenspiels in time to create our own music.

PSHE

In PSHE we will explore First Aid, in particular choking. This topic will link nicely with our Science visit from The British Heart Foundation where we will how to perform CPR and what to do in an emergency.

Our other PSHE topics will include: self-talk, dealing with pressure and emotional changes.