

Year 6: Autumn 1

Writing

In Writing, pupils will begin by studying *The Promise* by Nicola Davies. They will explore the features of retelling narratives, including expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs and nouns, similes, personification, dialogue, and the expression of characters' thoughts and feelings. Pupils will develop their use of descriptive language, plan, draft, edit and improve their own narratives, while revisiting key grammatical concepts such as verbs.

Later, pupils will study *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah. Using the text as inspiration, they will make predictions, explore narrative features, sequence events chronologically, and investigate the use of repetition, adverbs and adverbial phrases. They will then plan, write and edit their own narratives, while also developing their vocabulary through the study of synonyms and antonyms.

Maths

In Mathematics, pupils will develop their understanding of place value with numbers up to 10,000,000, learning to read, write, compare, order and round large numbers. They will explore negative numbers, powers of ten, factors, multiples, prime numbers, square and cube numbers, while strengthening their multiplication and division skills using formal methods. Pupils will also apply their learning to multi-step problems, mental calculations and reasoning challenges, building confidence, accuracy and fluency in mathematics.

Science

In Science, pupils will learn about Earth and Space, exploring the planets in our solar system and their key features. They will investigate why Earth is spherical, understand how the planets orbit the Sun, and explain how Earth's rotation causes day and night. Pupils will also learn about the movement of the Moon and apply their knowledge by creating a website to communicate their scientific understanding in a clear and engaging way.

History

In History, pupils will explore the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. They will learn about the key features of Ancient Greek civilisation, compare daily life in Athens and Sparta, and discover the significance of Greek myths, gods and goddesses. Pupils will investigate the origins of democracy in Ancient Athens and examine the lasting impact of Ancient Greek achievements on the modern world. To showcase their learning, they will research, write and present an informative podcast, developing both their historical understanding and communication skills.

PSHE

In PSHE, pupils will explore how their brains work through the MyHappyMind programme, helping them to understand their thoughts, feelings and wellbeing. They will learn about the importance of special places, positive relationships and shared responsibilities, developing skills such as empathy, cooperation and resilience to support their personal growth.

Computing

In Computing, pupils will develop their programming skills using Scratch. They will learn how to use pixels, coordinates and rotation to control sprite movement and create animations. Pupils will apply these skills to design and program their own game, before testing, debugging and improving it. They will also learn how to stay safe online and use technology responsibly.

PE

In PE, pupils will develop their agility, coordination and teamwork through gymnastics and dodgeball. During gymnastics lessons, they will learn to create and perform sequences using a range of balances, rolls and jumps, developing strength, flexibility and control. In dodgeball, pupils will improve their throwing, catching and dodging skills while learning the importance of teamwork, strategy and fair play. Throughout both units, children will build confidence, resilience and cooperation as they challenge themselves and support others.