



Autumn Term 2016 – Year 6



Kestrels and Ospreys



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English

In English this term the children will be reading the book 'There is a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom.' Children will be writing various genres of texts, including diaries, letters, Non-chronological reports and play scripts. We will be using our History and geography topic along with our class novel as inspiration for these pieces of writing. Throughout all our English lessons we will be concentrating on spelling, punctuation and grammar. This will not only improve the children's writing, it will also be the beginning of this year's SATs preparation.

Computing

Children will be learning how to be safe on the internet and how to create the effective multimedia presentations during their weekly lessons. They will also have time each week on the computers to use Mathematics, completing activities on all areas of the mathematics curriculum.

Mathematics

In Maths the children will cover all areas of the curriculum including calculations, measurement, handling data and understanding shape.

Children will also have time to practice and develop their knowledge of times tables facts and number bonds, to ensure success throughout the whole mathematics curriculum. Throughout all areas of study children will complete problem solving activities, and investigations.

History/Geography

The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China

This year, Year 6 are studying the life and culture of the Shang dynasty in China, the first known dynasty in China. Children will complete map work and investigations into the Yellow River, to show how the Chinese landscape affected life for the Shang Dynasty. Children will also look at the rulers, religions and daily life of the people to develop their understanding of different cultures and how modern China has developed.

Music

During music lessons the children will be focusing on singing and composition in a number of different music genres, while also preparing for the Harvest festival, where they will be singing two songs.

Science

Science this term will include investigations into how the human body works and why it is important to maintain a healthy lifestyle in order for our bodies to function properly. Children will then move onto electricity, how it works and the ways in which we use it. Science lessons will include experiments, models and investigation throughout to develop the children's understanding.

Art/DT

In Art and DT we will follow the theme of the 'Shang Dynasty' and take inspiration from their art and design to develop our own understanding.

PE

Children will have the opportunity in PE to develop their teamwork skills through a variety of team games, while also developing individual skills in both dance and gymnastics.

RE/PHSE

In RE and PHSE we will be looking at new beginnings, and what their response should be to bullying in our 'Say No to Bullying' topic.

French

Children will be learning how to describe aspects of their daily life in French, both orally and in written format.

