

In **geography**, we will start with a focus on **Energy and Climate change**. We will look at how the UK uses energy and discuss the benefits and consequences of using different energy sources. Our second unit will be studying **Ethiopia** – its location, climate and population. We will also consider the challenges the country faces due to climate change.

In **history**, we are learning about the **Maya**, including where the civilisation was located. Children will also find out about the language, cities and rituals of the Maya. In the second half of the term, we will learn about **Medieval African Kingdoms**, with a focus on the culture and society of the Kingdom of Benin.

In **R.E**, the autumn term focuses on **Sikhism**. Before half term, we will learn about key events in the life of Guru Nanak. After half term, we will learn more stories from Sikhism as well as discovering how modern Sikhs show and celebrate their faith.

In **art**, we are exploring how drawing can be used to create a sense of form, shape and volume. We will look at the work of artists including Henry Moore and Christo and Jeanne-Claude and experiment with different ways of making marks using a range of drawing materials. We will use these ideas to develop our own drawings that create the illusion of three-dimensional form. Later in the term, we will explore **mixed media and landscape art**, combining different materials and techniques to create our own landscape artwork.

In **mathematics**, we will start with a recap on place value. We will learn how to compare, order and round both large numbers and decimals before moving on to our four main calculations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Keep practising on TT Rock Stars – it will really help!

In **modern foreign languages**, we will recap some topics such as weather as well as learning new vocabulary for clothes and family members but our main focus will be on describing items in the classroom and classroom routines.



Swifts

Miss Hoal



Kingfishers

Mrs Hughes

Other staff in Year 6: Mrs Duffield and Mrs Grainger. Mr Clark, Mrs Mason and Mrs Grainger teach some lessons in Year 6.

Year 6 Autumn Term

In **music**, we will be focusing on singing and performing. In the first half term, we will be inspired by Nobody Knows from Pete's dragon. In the second part of term, we'll use 'Hey, Mr Miller' (a song in the swing style), to explore rhythm work and improvisation.

In **English**, we have started the term by looking at how we shape a paragraph around a clear purpose, taking inspiration from Barnabus. We will continue to build our technical skills and knowledge of sentence structure, focusing on the accurate use of conjunctions to link clauses. Later in the term, we will focus on non-fiction paragraphs inspired by The Promise. Close to Christmas, we hope to take inspiration from the classic story: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

In **science**, we are focusing on biology, beginning with **classification**. We will learn why and how we classify, applying our knowledge through our own keys. The second half of the term will be focused on **light**, thinking about how light travels, how see and how shadows are formed.

In **physical education**, we will be building our netball skills, working on passing and footwork before playing some mini matches. Indoor sessions will focus on developing balance, body control and quick reactions and developing our awareness of the risks around water. Later in the term, we will enjoy outdoor and adventurous activities and dance.

In **computing**, we are studying communication. We will learn more about the benefits of using technology and how to use the internet to communicate safely. We will also spend some time developing basic skills on word. Later in the term, we will learn how to create our own web page.

In **PSHE**, we have started with making people feel welcome. Next, we will be focusing on conflict resolution. We will discuss how conflicts from the playground and classroom can spiral and build a range of strategies to help us solve conflicts. Later in the term, we will develop ways of beginning new friendships and maintaining existing ones.