

English On **Thursday 6th March** we celebrate **World Book Day**. **Year 6 are encouraged to bring in their favourite book**. In our writing, we are currently writing a futuristic dystopian story. The children will also produce some fictional biographies. Linked to our Geography work, we will be arguing persuasively on the topic of *Saving the Amazon Rainforest* after listening to the reasoning of *David Attenborough*. We will also write eye-witness accounts of disciples during Holy Week. Handwriting, grammar and spelling will be taught discreetly and practised regularly. Each day we have Reading Skills lessons practising our literal, deductive and inferential questioning skills and we are now answering some SATS-style questions. Please continue to read widely at home for pleasure; to build speed, fluency and understanding. This is **really** important. **Rollama and Read Theory** is excellent for developing those grammar and comprehension skills. Year 6 will be enjoying the novel *Holes* in *Louie Sachar*. **Booster sessions, before and after school on Mondays and Thursdays, are available to help prepare the children for the SATs.**

Maths The children will calculate area and perimeter of cuboids, triangles and parallelograms. They will calculate the volume of cubes and cuboids using standard units. Children will work on ratio and proportion; geometry in the form of position and direction and properties of shapes and statistics, calculating the mean of a set of data and interpreting pie charts. Revision will include consolidating their knowledge of place value, fractions and percentages, arithmetic and performing quick calculations. We will be revising calculations using written methods for all 4 operations and then applying these methods in reasoning questions. Quick recall of multiplication and corresponding division facts will continue. The children will solve problems involving the calculation of percentages. **Booster sessions, before and after school on Mondays are available to help prepare the children for the SATs.**

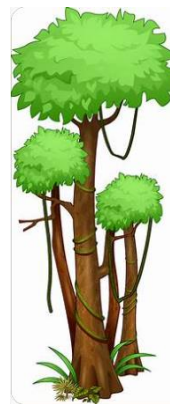
PSHE This half term the children will understand that education is a human right and consider why it is important. We will investigate some of the environmental issues relating to food and food production and understand that we all have a responsibility to care for things and people around us. The class will learn what prejudice and discrimination are and why and how they should be challenged. Recognising the value of diversity in society, they will study some significant individuals. Year 6 will better understand the roles and responsibilities of people in government.

Music As well as preparing for Eastertide, we will be studying 'theme' as a main melody in a piece of music. The children will learn to recognise variations in music. They will learn to identify when a main melody is changed in some way throughout the piece.

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Science The children will complete the unit on **Evolution and Inheritance** and then will begin: **Living Things and their Habitats – Classification** The children will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. They will give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. In lessons, we will plan scientific enquiries to answer questions, recognising and controlling variables where necessary. They will measure with increased accuracy and precision.



PE Lessons this half term are Dance and Cricket themed and will be taught on **Wednesdays and Thursdays** by Mr Philips. Please wear suitable PE kits to school on these days. **Trainers should not be worn on any other days.**

Geography Our learning about South America continues with a focus on Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, the Amazon and the people who live there, including the Awa tribe.



Computing The children will know the ways in which anyone can develop a positive online reputation and protect their anonymity. They will investigate also how the use of big data including barcodes, QR codes, infrared and RFID technologies help us.

French We explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and play lots of silly games. We will link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Year 6 will continue to enjoy sessions with our Foreign Language Assistant, Madame Adame on Thursdays.

Religion The children learn how Jesus' miracles led many to believe that he was the Son of God. The children will have the opportunity to know and reflect on the events of Holy Week particularly Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday reflecting on what this means for them. Year 6 will take part in fundraising for our Lenten charities (**more details to follow next week**). In the week prior to Holy Week, Year 6 will recreate the events of Holy Week for everyone in the Church. We will also perform the Stations of the Cross and get ready to celebrate the joy of the Easter season.

DT/Art The children will be working collaboratively to produce some Spirited Artwork. The children will also use clay to make models of Christ the Redeemer.