

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year Six – Spring Term Two



### Core Subjects

English - Genre: Non-fiction - Persuasive Speech  
Focus text: No Ballet Shoes in Syria.

This half term, the children will be developing their writing skills to write a persuasive speech. We will explore the features of this genre and the purpose of persuasive writing. The children will continue to develop their sentence structure and writing in a formal tone as well as applying knowledge of subjective form and cohesive devices to enhance their writing.

Throughout the unit, there will be focused reading sessions focusing on different chapters and aim to embed comprehension skills using VIPERS.

### Maths

In this half term, the children will be covering a range of units:

- Statistics
- Number and decimals
- Properties of shape
- Volume and capacity

The children will be applying their current arithmetic knowledge and deepening their understanding of these skills. They will apply this understanding when answering a variety of reasoning questions.

### Science

Topic - The Classification Code

In this unit of work, the children will be exploring vertebrates and invertebrates. As well as this, we will classify living things into different categories. We will use branching keys to help with our classification and we will explore the use of tally charts and bar graphs.

### Non-Core Subjects

#### Project: Hola Mexico! - Geography Focus

In this project, the children will be learning about Mexico. Throughout the weeks we will be looking at where Mexico appears on a map, whilst also identifying the features of it. We will explore the climate, weather and population of Mexico - comparing similarities and differences with the UK.

#### Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE)

##### Digital Well being:

This unit teaches children digital wellbeing, positive Internet use, online safety, and recognising risks. They learn about healthy online relationships, social media's benefits and risks, and responsible use. It also covers identifying online bullying, understanding fake news, judging information reliability, and knowing how to seek help when needed most online.

#### Physical Education (PE)

##### Outdoor: Athletics

This will focus on pupils developing skills needed to start a race and accelerate when sprinting. They look at learning to run in teams, changeover batons and run round a curved line. Pupils will spend time throwing for accuracy and using their bodies to jump with more distance.

##### Indoor: Dance

In this topic the children will explore dance and create a sequence in the theme of the Titanic.

### Spanish

This half term, the children will be learning about World War 2. They will explore and practise the vocabulary used relating to this topic - which links nicely to our project for this half term.

### Computing:

Using ProjectEVOLVE, children will develop essential online safety skills. They will learn to protect personal information, recognise risks and behave responsibly in digital spaces. Through clear, age-appropriate lessons, they will explore positive online behaviour, respectful communication and critical thinking, helping them make safe, informed choices and navigate the digital world with confidence.

### Year 6 Homework - continued

Now that we are on the run up to SATS, the year 6 teachers will continue to put together homework packs for the children to complete at home.

It is the expectation that these packs are completed and brought back into school to be marked in class with the teacher.