Year 6 - Otters

Autumn Term 2



English



Reading

We will be reading Shakespear's play 'Romeo and Juliet' in a shortened form to understand and summarise the plot of the stories and to perform the words of 'The Bard'. We will also practise reading comprehensions to support our preparation for secondary school.

Writing

We will be looking at the story 'Road's End'

- write a re-telling of a story from the viewpoint of one of the characters.
- be using speech to develop character and move the story on
- look at subordinate clauses and adverbials to support cohesion within our writing.
- We will be working to make action sequences exciting for the reader!

Computing: Data detectives / Internet Safety

We will:

- learn about how to protect ourselves and our identities online.

DT – Electrical Engineer



- We will be developing our knowledge of Electrical Systems
- This will involve making a Christmas themed device that uses more complex switches and circuits and controlling the electricity through different sensors.

PE – Hockey and dance



We will:

- learn how to play hockey, including how to pass correctly, tackle and make space on the field.
- Build up our fitness with a circuits routine – this will support a healthy lifestyle.

Maths - Fractions

We will:

- compare and order fractions, including fractions greater than 1.
- add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions - including word problems.
- multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form: for example - 1/4 × 1/2 = 1/8
- divide proper fractions: for example - 1/3 ÷ 2 = 1/6

Geography: Ethiopia

We will learn about



- Location and Landscape of Ethiopia
- Mountains, Rivers and Climate
- Cities, People and Culture
- Farming, Trade and Natural Resources

History: Medieval African Kingdoms: Ethiopia and Benin

We will learn about

- Kingdom of Aksum and Early Ethiopia
- Christianity in Ethiopia
- The Kingdom of Benin
- Trade, Art and Royal Power in Africa

RE: Sikhism 2; Living Sikh traditions

We will learn about:



- The Guru Granth Sahib
- The Gurdwara and Worship
- Langar: Serving Others
- Living as a Sikh Today

Science - Electricity



We will:

- investigate the properties of electricity
- discover how to make circuits using cells and bulbs and the effect of altering the number of cells on the output.
- learn about how circuits are used to make alarms and lights and make our own to solve different applications and problems.
- learn about the dangers of electricity.

Music -

We will:

- develop an understanding of the history of Victorian music.
- learn about British Victorian composers and listen and appraise their music.

Spanish – Talk about me!



We will:

- learn about Spanish culture.
- learn vocabulary and phrases to describe ourselves and other people.
- We will be celebrating Christmas with a Spanish twist.

PSHE Jigsaw – Celebrating Difference



We will learn about

- Respect for similarity and difference
- Anti-bullying
- being unique

How I can help my child this term:



- Make sure they read regularly and ask them about their reading book – reading will be just as important in Year 6 and onward to Secondary school!
- Help them practice their homework spellings, GAPS and Maths.
- Where are fractions used in everyday life? Become familiar with talking about them when you see them in use!
- What do you think the population of Plymstock is or the population of Plymouth? Can you find out?
- What things run on electricity at home? Are there different ways to switch on and off an electrical device?

Learning through: Reviewing Questioning Modelling Practising Explaining Applying