

St. Mary's RC Primary School

Year 6

Half termly Overview - Autumn Two

Religion

Our second topic is *Prophecy and Promise*. In Branch 2, we will be learning all about King David's journey from a young shepherd to a faithful and courageous king. We'll explore key stories from the Bible, such as David's victory over Goliath and his rise to become king, as well as the promises God made to him. By studying these events, we'll understand what it means to be a faithful leader and how David's trust in God guided his life.



Maths

This term sees us switch to fractions. Most of the learning will be consolidation of previous years (particularly Year 5).

We will also spend some time converting units of measure in length, weight and capacity: both metric and imperial.

$$\frac{12}{36} \div \frac{12}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Reading

We will be looking at a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, which are sometimes linked to our work in geography, history or science, such as light

We aim to practise reading fluently, reading with expression and using VIPERS to help explore different question types that the children will inevitably encounter on their SATs and beyond.

Our class novel is still *Trash* by Andy Mulligan. A tense thriller set in the slums of Brazil, where three boys try to work out what is so special about a bag they find! We will also continue to read *Running on Empty*.



Writing

Our focus text is *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill. This will explore the daring adventure of early Antarctic pioneers and allow the children to write from their perspective.

Our main writing outcomes will be diary writing.

Children will be taught to plan, draft, revise and edit their work to make it the best it can be!



Science

Our second topic is Light.

Children will recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines ; use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye ; explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes; use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.



History

Our first topic is called 'What can the census tell us about local areas?' Children will begin by exploring what a census is and what we can learn from them. The time period will focus on the Victorians before linking to local data.



Design Technology

Waistcoats allows children to dive into the world of fashion to first design, then make a waistcoat for a teddy bear and finally evaluate their product.

Children will learn to cut and stitch with fabric.



Physical Education

In PE lessons, children will be learning to play basketball. This will involve learning to play as a team, spatial awareness, tactics as well as general fitness.

Children will swim once a week coached at their respective levels by Active Tameside swimming instructors.



Music

The main focus for this half term will be on song writing using glockenspiels. The children be given a chance to improvise and to compose their own music.



French

Our second topic is *French Football Champions*. This will help children with new vocabulary, pronunciation and presentation.



PSHE

We will start with a little Bonfire Night safety before exploring issues surrounding the topics of money and well-being; drugs and alcohol.



Homework

This will be set on Friday and due in on Wednesday. We will mark it together in class. The English homework will alternate between reading and grammar.

Spellings will be set on Friday and tested on Friday.

Ongoing daily reading and times table practice on TTRS will help consolidate class learning.

Other important information

PE is on Wednesday. Please ensure children have correct school PE kit of black shorts/trousers, white t-shirt and plain blue hoody or school jumper.

Swimming is on Thursday – this will run until Christmas. Children don't need to be in PE kit on this day.