



Burton Joyce Primary

Spring 1 in Year 5/6

English



Building upon our study of WWII during the autumn term, we will spend our first 3 weeks studying the life and diary of Anne Frank, which will culminate in the children producing a non-chronological report about her. This will be followed by a study of Kensuke's Kingdom.

Science



Our focus will be on the topic of living things and their habitats. This will include looking into how living things are grouped according to the scientific classification system developed by Carl Linnaeus. Specifically, how vertebrates, invertebrates, micro-organisms and plants are classified according to their characteristics.

Welcome Back



Happy new year everybody! All of our Year 5 & 6 staffing team hope you've had a wonderful break and are coming back to school refreshed and ready to take on the Spring term. We have an exciting term of learning ahead of us as we will be studying a fantastic text in 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and learning about classifying living things using the Linnaeus system. 2024 ... bring it on!

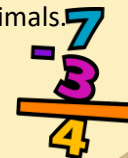
Geography



This half term's learning is based on a unit called 'Why do we get products from different places in the world?' This will include looking into: what trade is; which products the UK imports and exports; why these products are traded; where our food comes from and the associated food miles; the impact of trade on the environment. Children will have the chance to demonstrate their knowledge by creating a stop-motion animation clip.

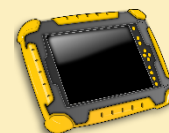
Maths

Each lesson will continue to begin with a concentrated focus on arithmetic. For the main body of our lessons, our Year 5 pupils will be studying multiplication, division and fractions. Our Year 6 pupils will be studying algebra and decimals.



Computing

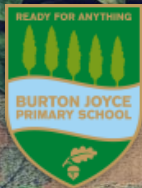
We will spend time exploring sound engineering. This will include the creation of mini podcasts using the Garageband app, which will develop many skills including the children's ability to record, split, trim and reorder tracks.



Art



We will delve into the works of William Morris, who was a British textile artist. This will include learning how to control paint to work in different ways such as creating 3D form, depth and distance using colour and tone.



PE

To ensure our bodies stay fit and healthy, we will explore units based around gymnastics and Drumba. This will include development of our co-ordination, rhythm and flexibility.



Spellings

This half term, our spelling focus will largely be based around suffixes and silent letters, with particular focus on '...fer', silent first letters, silent letters, challenge words and 'ie' after 'c'



Music

Over the next 5 weeks, our pupils will engage with a unit based around composing an 8-bar piece on percussion, singing a round accurately in a legato style and singing a chorus in two-part harmony with dancing on the beat.



PSHE



Our units for the half term is entitled 'Dreams and Goals'. This will include exploration of personal learning goals, steps to success, my dream for the world and helping to make a difference.

RE

The children will delve into a unit called 'Exploring the Old Testament'. This will include: why the Bible is so important to Christians; the Christian story of creation; how people learn from the Bible; how the Bible was written; how the Bible has changed from the original version.



Dates to remember...

08.01.24 Wellbeing Day
16.01.24 Height & weight checks (Yr 6 pupils)
19.01.24 Sleeping Beauty (pantomime)
22.01.24 End of KS2 Assessment evening
09.02.24 Valentine's Day non-uniform
09.02.24 Reports go home

Have a great
half term

