



# Burton Joyce Primary

## Spring 2 in Year 5/6

### English



To begin this half term, we are focusing on writing monologues using 'The Bear and the Piano' book. This will be followed by a unit writing fantasy explanation texts using pages from 'Until I met Dudley' for inspiration.

Our class reading text this half term is 'The Stormkeeper's Island' by Catherine Doyle.

### Science



Our focus will be on the topic of evolution and inheritance. This will include looking into which characteristics are inherited in humans; the theory of evolution; how adaptations lead to natural selection and the evolution of species. We will also look at how fossil records provide evidence of evolution.

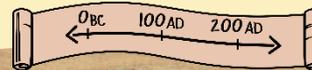
### Welcome Back



Welcome back after the half term, it's lovely to see signs of spring as we move towards lighter, longer days. All of our Year 5 & 6 staff team hope you've had a wonderful break and are coming back to school feeling refreshed. We have an exciting half term of learning ahead of us as we begin learning about the Industrial Revolution in History and Evolution and Inheritance in Science.

### History

This half term's learning is based on a unit called 'The Industrial Revolution – a change for the better?' After learning what the Industrial Revolution is, we will learn about how it changed society and the way people lived. We will also look into the differences for rich and poor during this period and how laws were changed.



### Maths

In maths this half term, each lesson will continue to begin with a concentrated focus on arithmetic. For the main body of our lessons, both year groups will be studying statistics, decimals, fractions and percentages and perimeter. Our Year 6 pupils are also beginning to look at some SATs style questions within each unit.



### Computing

This half term, we will spend time exploring photography: practise composing photos using the rule of thirds, editing using the mark-up tool and creating close-up photos. We will build up a digital album through the half term.



### DT

We will research the purposes and uses of CAMs mechanisms and understand how they work before looking at some examples of how they work.





## PE

To ensure our bodies stay fit and healthy, we will complete units of Hockey and Dodgeball. These will both focus on ball skills including, throwing, dodging, dribbling and catching while learning to select and apply tactics to the game.

## Spellings

This half term, our spellings have different patterns: 'ei' making an /ee/ sound, the 'ough' letter string making different sounds and words which don't follow the 'i before e except after c' rule



## Music



Over the next few weeks, our pupils will engage with a unit based around building a beat. We will use 'Watermelon Man' by Herbie Hancock to learn about drum grooves, bassline and riffs.

## RE

The children will delve into a unit called 'Beautiful World, Wonderful God', which involves lessons thinking about 'Big Questions' including religious beliefs about the origins of the universe caring for our planet.



## PSHE



Our unit for this half term is entitled 'Healthy Me'. We are focusing on promoting a healthy lifestyle for our children. Some of the key aspects we are learning about are the importance of a balanced diet, understanding the effects of drugs on our bodies, developing a positive self-image and understanding the risks of gangs and exploitation.

## Dates to remember...

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Wellbeing Day
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Year 6 Residential
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day
- w/b 9<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 SATs boosters start
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 Residential meeting @ 4.30pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Bookfair
- w/b 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Assessment Week
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Albert Hall Singing Trip
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Easter activity day

Have a great half term

