

# Year 6 - Autumn Term: Kings, Queens and Leaders

## Theme

Year 6 will focus on texts and topics which explore the contrasting styles of government and leadership.

## Literacy

### Animal Farm and Macbeth

Animal Farm is the intense and dramatic story of a group of mistreated animals who rebel against their masters only to discover that the utopia they had imagined was not so easily created.

Macbeth is one of the most accessible of Shakespeare's plays. It is full of strong visual imagery and memorable language and is an excellent introduction to Shakespeare's writing. The tragedy includes the adventures of spirits, ghosts and witches with much of the action taking place in dark and shadowy places.

We will use our class texts as a stimulus for role-play, writing and rich discussion.

## History & Geography

We will explore the ways that countries, including the United Kingdom, are governed. The children will learn to critically examine diverse arrangements of power and consider how well-suited they are to solving different problems.

## Our values this term:

### **Aspiration and Respect**

#### Maths

Pupils will further develop their arithmetic skills including place value and addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also learn how these operations can be applied to fractions.

#### Home learning

Homework will include a short reading comprehension activity.

Reading, spelling and times table practice also form part of home learning tasks.

#### Key events and activities

Kent Test—Thursday 12th September 2019

Individual and family photos—8th October 2019

Mental Health Awareness Day (Children wear yellow to school) - 10th October 2019

Harvest Festival—11th October 2019

End of Term 1—18th October 2019

Year 6 Class Assembly—29th October 2019

Parents Evening—30th October 2019

Closing dates for secondary school applications—31st October 2019

Anti-bullying Day—8th November

Christmas dates will be confirmed in forthcoming newsletters.

The Globe Theatre Trip—Date TBC

## Science Empiribox, - States of Matter

The children will learn to describe material in terms of their properties. They will explore how the behaviour of materials changes as energy is added and subtracted. They will perform experiments and write scientific reports.

## RE & PSHCE

### Focus religions—Christianity and Islam

In term 1, we will be exploring the question, "Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?" and we will write an opinion text about what the world would be like without art or charity. In term 2, we will be learning about the Hindu belief of Ahimsa (respect for all living things and avoidance of violence towards others).

## Art and design

The children will study a well-know portrait artist and will to create their own portraits, focussing on scale and proportion by using their sketchbooks to plan ideas.

## PE

Children will practise gym and netball in Term 1. Followed by dance and football in Term 2.

Children must have the correct PE (a list can be found in the home/school diaries).

## Music

The children will practice songs and performance skills, building their confidence for the end of year drama production.

## Computing

The children will have the opportunity to visit the ICT suite and use ICT to support their learning across the curriculum.