

Year 6 (Spring 1): Man vs The Environment

Man vs The Environment: through our core texts and linked history work, we will think about how humans affect the world in which we live. Do we have a positive impact upon the world or do we need to make changes to the way we behave?

English:

The Rabbits, by Shaun Tan

This beautifully illustrated novel explores the impact of colonisation, specifically in Australia.

Through exploration of the images, research and discussion, we will aim to produce a range of extended writing; diary entries, poetry and narrative writing will be of specific focus.

We will also dip in and out of other fantastic novels by Shaun Tan.

Guided Reading:

The Other Side of Truth, by Beverley Naidoo

A particularly poignant and emotive text which will lead to lengthy discussion and debate. The journey of Sade and Femi—the two protagonists—links nicely with the core themes within **The Rabbits**.

History:

Linking to our core texts, we will focus on Britain and its empire during the 17, 18 and 1900s. We will research some of the main events, analyse source material and write in role as people pertinent to the era.

Our value this term is 'thoughtfulness'.

Maths:

Pupils will build on what they learnt and the progress they made during the autumn term by revising concepts that they have already had exposure to as well as delving into new concepts centred around:

- Fractions and decimals
- Percentages
- Measurement
- Algebra

Home learning:

Home learning will be similar to that of last term; particular focus will be on Times Table Rock Stars and Spag.com, as well as pushing the amount pupils are reading.

Key events and activities:

14th January: year 6 trip to Pizza Express

Is now the time to make changes to the way we look after our world?

Science:

Plants

We are continuing to follow Empiribox and can't wait to get our next delivery of resources to help us learn more about plants and carry out exciting experiments.

RE:

This term we will learn about humanism. What is humanism? What are the core values of a humanist and how do they live their daily lives?

Art:

Shaun Tan is an incredible artist from Australia so we will therefore look at other examples of his art from other books he has written and illustrated. As well as this, we will explore and create our own art inspired by Australian aboriginal artwork.

PE:

Outdoor PE this term will be hockey; indoor PE will be gymnastics. PE days to be confirmed; a note will be written in your child's journal.

Music:

Mrs King will work with the year 6 pupils in listening to and composing tribal music, linked specifically to Australian aboriginals.

Computing:

Year 6 will be following steps to create and design their own spreadsheets.