

English

This half term we will be using Macbeth by Shakespeare to explore the story of a brave Scottish general named Macbeth who receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and the want to take the throne, what will he do? To do this, we will build our skills of grammar and composition and plan detailed character and / or setting descriptions to have an effect in the reader and use ideas from what we have read, heard and seen in other stories, plays or films. Alongside this, we will use elements of our drama learning to confidently perform to a group and make sure it sound interesting, controlling the tone and volume so that its meaning is clear. We will use our knowledge of punctuation and vocabulary to edit our learning so it is coherent and suited to the purpose of the writing.

DT

What is better than a story book? A pop-up story book, of course! This half term, we will be developing our folding and joining techniques to create a spellbinding pop-up picture book narrating the tale of our Power of Reading text, Macbeth.

Music

Prepare yourselves to be blown away by the Year 6 choir performing our musical number, Darwin Rocks. We are certain that we will rock you!

PE

In our Friday PE sessions, we will be continuing to prepare for Sports day through developing our athletic skills with a particular focus on our stamina and accuracy whilst throwing and running. We will also be developing our sportsmanship skills and putting our previously learnt skills to use in a Rounders competition. Finally, we have the exciting opportunity to work with a professional cricket company to enhance our batting and fielding skills.

PSHE

Throughout this unit, we will be continuing to develop an awareness of our own self-image and how our bodies fit into this. We will then move on to describe how a baby develops from conception, through the nine months of pregnancy, and how it is born. As well as exploring vocabulary around puberty, we will also be using the following words: foetus, placenta, labour, umbilical cord, contractions. We will explore our feelings around starting Secondary School and prepare for this exciting change.

French

We will learning about giving our own opinions and we will do this by listening to French music.

Maths

In our Maths learning this term, we will be focusing on our Arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving in a variety of areas within Maths. We will be having a focus on our knowledge of Times Tables as this will support us in all areas.

We will be having a specific focus upon:

- Draw a range of geometric shapes using given dimensions and angles.
- Describe, draw, translate and reflect shapes on a co-ordinate plane.
- Recognise and construct 3-D shapes.
- Name and illustrate parts of a circle.
- Identifying the steps to solving reasoning questions successfully and using the correct methods.

Science

Light:

- Recognising that light appears to travel in straight lines
- To 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
- To 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.
- To use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
- We will use our knowledge of Scientific Enquiry to control variables and answer any questions we have.

Computing

As always, we will have a focus on e-safety and the importance of children being safe online. We will discuss scenarios involving risk and how to report concerns. Alongside this, we will be exploring a new app: Explain Everything where we will be creating presentations using sounds, images and text combined that links into our need to be safe when we are online.



Shakespeariances

Year 6 – Summer 2



**Our Power of Reading texts this term is:
Macbeth by William Shakespeare**

History

Raiders or Traders?
In our new topic, we will be exploring the Anglo- Saxon and Viking struggle for the Kingdom of England. Through a study of settlements, law and justice and festivals, we will find out what life would be like to be an Anglo-Saxon or Viking. We will also be designing our own long boats and jewellery to develop our understanding of the raiding and trading that took place.

RE

This half term, we will be revisiting the Christian faith and trying to answer the question: 'How can churches help us to understand Christian belief?' Through this topic, we aim to gather, select and organise ideas about communion or baptism across two denominations

KEY DATES:

First day back: Monday 7th June
Sports Day: Wednesday 16th June
Enrichment week: 21st June – 25th June
Treat Day: Friday 2nd July
Colour Run: Thursday 15th July
Last day of term: Friday 16th July

The children will also be performing their production: Darwin Rocks. All information regarding this and the above dates will be shared in due course.