



Curriculum letter

Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well in these worrying and uncertain times. We have now approached Summer term which means we are coming towards the end of the academic year and the end of the children's primary school journey!

We have lots of exciting topics planned for our last term which are as follows:

Spring term 1 - 'The Amazing Americas'

Spring term 2 - 'Disease and Pestilence'

During English and Maths this year, we will continue to reinforce all skills in greater depth and apply these skills in a variety of investigations.

Maths

- Properties of Shape
- Position and Direction
- Volume
- Ratio and Proportion
- Algebra
- Statistics

English

In their writing sessions they will be focusing on newspaper reports, adventure stories, playscripts, non-chronological reports and persuasive techniques.

The Children will also be continuing with their comprehension and SPaG lessons in preparation for secondary school.

Science

Animals including Humans

The children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. They will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system. They will also focus on how nutrients are transported around the human body. Children will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs affect the body.

Revision

For the second part of Summer Term, we will be revisiting all the topics we have covered so far this year in Science.

Investigation skills- we will also look at the process of carrying out a scientific investigation, including prediction, methods, recording results and drawing conclusions.

Geography

'The Amazing Americas'

The children will first find out about the continents of North and South America, and the countries that form them. They will also look in more detail at some of the contrasting regions of the Americas, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations of each area. The children will also develop their map and atlas skills and practise reading and writing coordinates.

History

'Disease and Pestilence'

The children will develop their knowledge of 14th century England where they will learn about life in the medieval times including the effects and impact of the Black Death.

Art/D.T

North American Art

This unit will teach the children how to draw the other half of a famous image, make collage landscapes, create body abstracts, make 'building block' houses, draw patterned skulls and be an artist's model to create quality artwork that shows progression in skills. The children will also have the opportunity to explore the work of many American artists.

Computing

E-Safety

In this unit about online safety, children will be taking a more in depth look at a variety of online safety issues, most of which they will have been familiarized with in previous years. Children will be given ways to deal with online content that they find worrying or even believe to be dangerous.

Film making

The aim of this unit is to allow children to explore various aspects of film-making. In doing so, they must choose and use appropriate software in order to complete tasks such as writing a script, researching information, filming and editing.

Music

We will be following our Charanga music scheme, where we will learn to play the recorder and investigate different genres of music.

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Eternity

Children will explore the definition of and popular ideas relating to the concept of eternity. They will compare concepts of eternity from both religious and non-religious worldviews. This will culminate in an end of unit project, where children will reflect on and create a presentation based on their learning.

PE

In PE, *if at school*, the children will be learning how to play rounders within their games lessons on a **Friday** and both classes will be focusing on athletics within their PE lessons on a **Wednesday**.

Whilst at home, we encourage the children to access online workouts (usually via YouTube) such as 'Joe Wicks Daily' or 'Cosmic Yoga for Kids' to ensure they are keeping active during lockdown.

Bug Club and Reading

As always, it is incredibly important that children read **every** day. Currently, reading will be assessed through Bug Club and to aid children's comprehension, it is important that adults listen and ask questions about the books they are reading. For example, asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

If you have any queries about the current situation, the curriculum, school routines or your child's wellbeing please contact the office via email on office@highfield.hillingdon.sch.uk.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Stay safe and well 😊

Year 6 Team