English

Year 6 will be developing their writing skills through a range of engaging texts and video stimuli. We will begin by writing a monologue inspired by the short film Road's End, before exploring character and emotion through diary entries as Michael from Skellig. Later in the term, we will create a persuasive advertisement for The Nowhere Emporium, using ambitious language and literary devices. Alongside this, we will focus on improving our handwriting and deepening our understanding of grammar, including sentence boundaries, word classes, and the use of subjects and objects.

Computing

Year 6 will be learning how to design and improve games using variables in programming. We will begin by understanding what variables are, how they can hold and change values, and how they are used to control elements like scores in a game. We will then design, code, test and refine our own Scratch games, using variables to improve gameplay and make our projects more interactive and engaging.

Art

In art, we explore how architects and designers use drawing to develop and express ideas, beginning with sketchbook work to record our creative thinking. We study architecture by examining different buildings, experimenting with geometric shapes and learning how design meets function. We then develop technical drawing skills, including perspective, to create our own architectural designs with accuracy and depth.

Science

Year 6 will explore how living things have changed over time by studying fossils, inherited traits and how animals and plants adapt to survive in their environments. Through hands-on investigations and research, we learn about natural selection, variation and the scientific evidence behind evolution. The unit also introduces key figures like Charles Darwin and encourages us to think critically about how species evolve over generations.

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History

Year 6 will be learning about how crime and punishment has changed throughout history, beginning with Roman law and justice in the Anglo-Saxon and Viking eras. We will explore significant developments such as witch hunts, the Bloody Code and the creation of the police force in Victorian times. Finally, we will investigate key legal changes in the 20th and 21st centuries and consider how modern crime and punishment compares to the past.

Maths

In Year 6 maths, we build a strong understanding of place value, including reading, writing and comparing numbers up to ten million. We develop confidence using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to solve multi-step problems accurately. We also deepen our understanding of fractions, including simplifying, comparing, calculating with mixed numbers and applying their skills in real-life contexts.

PSHCE

Year 6 will be exploring the theme Being Me in My World in PSHE. We will reflect on our goals for the year ahead, learn how our actions impact others, and understand how we can contribute positively to our school community. We will also discuss democracy, responsibilities, and how we can help everyone feel welcome and included.

Reading Mastery

In reading, Year 6 will be exploring Skellig and The Nowhere Emporium as our core texts. We will use these to develop a wide range of comprehension skills, including vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. Through discussion and written responses, we will explore characters, themes and language choices in depth. We will also build our reading stamina and confidence when tackling more complex texts.

PE

In PE this term, we are focusing on health-related exercise, including circuits, to develop our strength, stamina and overall fitness. We are also learning yoga, helping us improve balance, flexibility and focus. Additionally, we are building teamwork and tactical skills through netball and hockey.