

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 6 | Spring Term 1 | 2024



Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you for supporting the children and staff this half term. It has been a busy half term and the children particularly enjoyed their VR day experience and our South America Fiesta!

Please see below to find out what they will be learning next half term. Have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to another fun-filled and learning-packed term!

This half term, our topic is **Crafty Criminals** through **Crime and Punishment** and we will be focussing our learning around the key question **“What does 1000 years of crime and punishment look like?”**

Our ‘Stunning Start’ to launch our topic will be:

The start of our unit of work will begin with a Crime and Punishment workshop.

We will enhance children’s learning and ‘Cultural Capital’ with the following experiences :

- The children will use medieval torture artefacts to further their knowledge
- Re-enactment of a series of medieval crimes
 - Dissecting Hearts

Our ‘Showstopper’ piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Collating all our knowledge to become a workshop leader and create an oracy documentary.

Our ‘Shared Outcome’ to communicate our learning with others (in a socially distanced way) will be:

We will be inviting year groups to look at our contraptions and test our designs.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key texts:

- **Holes by Louis Sachar.**

Key skills:

- **Direct and reported speech**
- **Use of punctuation in a story**
- **Newspaper reports**
- **Retelling**

Maths:

Key topics:

- **Decimals**
- **Percentages**
- **Algebra**
- **Area, perimeter and shape**

Science:

In science we will be learning all about the heart and the circulatory system.

Computing: We will be looking at AR and VR as well as online safety with the focus on phishing and avoiding scams

History: We will be looking at how crime and punishment has changed over the last 1000s years in Britain.

RE: Children will explore the question: What do Christians believe is the most important event that has ever happened?

DT: Levers, gears and pulleys. The children will be planning, designing and making inventions to catch a criminal. They will make a prototype and then in groups make a large scale model.

PE: For outdoor PE the children will be focussing on Hockey and the skills required. Indoor PE will focus on the topic of Gymnastics looking at matching and mirroring

Music: The children will be listening and performing different versions of A New Year Carol.

PSHE: We will be focusing on our goals for this year, how our actions and behaviour can affect others, and how having a voice and democracy can benefit our school community.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

[TimesTables.me.uk](https://www.timestables.me.uk)

[topmarks.co.uk](https://www.topmarks.co.uk) – Daily 10

[oxfordowl.co.uk](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

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Reminders:

PE Days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays where the children should come into school in their PE kits.

