



Time Travellers

English	We continue our work on fiction writing. We explore techniques for creating powerful imagery and scene setting, balanced with action and dialogue. This is usually linked to a visit to the theatre. We compose poetry linked to Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night. We learn about different sentence structures and opening techniques (eg. "ispace"). We continue to learn specific SPAG skills in relation to the Year 6 curriculum.
Maths	We continue work in our maths sets to consolidate our written methods for the 4 operations (+ - X ÷) and apply these to other areas of the maths curriculum, e.g. converting between units of measurement, simplifying fractions and finding equivalent fractions. We also learn the properties of a range of 2D shapes and apply this knowledge to solve related problems.
Science	Weekly science lessons to recap and consolidate our understanding of the Key Stage 2 curriculum. This half-term's focus is on the chemistry discipline.
Computing	'We are Project Managers' - In this unit, the pupils work collaboratively to agree responsibilities on the project. They develop their ability to conduct safe and efficient web searches and explore the importance of copyright when using digital media.
History	We study the Tudor and Victorian eras, drawing comparisons between the two as well as with our lives today; we focus particularly on the lives of children during these eras. We also consider how primary and secondary sources can be used for research and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Near the end of term, we explore how Christmas customs have evolved over time and compare this to modern day celebrations.
Geography	Links through the topic to geographical knowledge of the UK. For example, looking at specific areas that become industrialised in the Victorian era.
Physical Education	In games, the children continue to develop their invasion game skills (tag rugby and netball). In PE, the children undertake a dance topic and explore jive/swing style dance steps and lifts / tricks.
Art & Design	We make lots of Christmas artwork during this term. At The Coppice we work hard to create a festive atmosphere around the school. This includes class 'hoops' to decorate the school hall, Christmas cards, calendars and more.
Design & Technology	Not covered this half term
Music	We learn a range of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs, culminating in a special Christmas music concert for our Year 5 and Year 6 classes. Children participate in a weekly Key Stage music assembly.
RE	We continue our work on Sikhism and visit a Gurudwara in our local community.
PSHE	Each week, our school assemblies have a weekly theme. This could be a specific value, such as fairness or cooperation, or it could be linked to current cultural festivals, such as Harvest or Eid. PSHE lessons will link to these themes and allow the children to explore them in greater depth.
Spanish (KS2 only)	During this half term, we learn classroom instructions and learn common Spanish names. We also learn days of the week and our birthdays.