

Lessons From History

English	We research and compose biographies of real-life people and fictional characters linked to our topic. We also explore debating and discussion writing, using an issue of the children's choosing.
Maths	During the second half of spring term, the focus in Year 6 is on revision of the Key Stage 2 curriculum in preparation for the end of Key Stage tests. This is a fairly fluid time in which the work we cover is in response to the needs of the individual pupils in our maths sets.
Science	Weekly science lessons to recap and consolidate our understanding of the Key Stage 2 curriculum. This half-term's focus is on the biology discipline.
Computing	'We are Interface Designers' - the pupils work in teams to design the interface for their new app idea. This includes writing and debugging programs, designing or sourcing visual elements and considering how to make the app accessible to a wide audience.
History	In this topic, we look at times in history where people have experienced persecution or prejudice. We begin by looking at the treatment of Jewish people in the years preceding WWII and build on our learning from Year 4, where we focused on the lives of people in Britain at this time. We learn about the ghettos, the Kindertransport and about Jewish people who went into hiding and think particularly about how this impacted the lives of children.
Geography	We develop our world knowledge of continents, countries and major cities from around the globe. We use maps to explore the distribution of resources. We also learn a range of related vocabulary including: lines of latitude and longitude; Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn; Prime Meridian, Equator etc.
Physical Education	In games, we develop our skills in invasion games (football, basketball and dodgeball). In PE, the children develop their personal fitness skills through circuit training activities.
Art & Design	We develop our observation and sketching skills by drawing self-portraits. We use mathematical ideas about proportion to encourage more accurate drawing.
Design & Technology	The children complete a challenge to research, design and make a scale-model shelter that can withstand (simulated) rain, wind and an earthquake! We use this to develop our understanding of world geography and natural disasters.
Music	We learn about music from different cultures and traditions and listen to recorded examples. Children participate in a weekly Key Stage music assembly.
RE	Linking to our history topic, we explore the lives of individuals who have experienced discrimination: Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Ghandi and Malala Yousafzai. We learn about their achievements and the influence of their spiritual beliefs on their lives.
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)	The children will continue to learn vocabulary for food. They will also look at how Easter is celebrated in Spain.