



Year 6 Spring Term 1 2025

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English: A short film called Francis set in Quetico Provincial Park in Canada will provide the stimulus for our learning in Writing lessons this term. We will use this film to learn about writing diary entries as well as newspaper reports. A non-fiction text about Quetico and other texts linked to Francis will be used to develop our reading skills, particularly retrieval, inference, our understanding of vocabulary and how the author enhances meaning through their choice of words and phrases. We will continue to focus on reading fluently as well as creating a mental model of the texts that we read in order to improve our understanding.

Maths: We will continue to focus on fractions, adding and subtracting mixed numbers before moving on to multiplying and dividing fractions. We then learn about metric measurements, how to convert metric measures of mass, length and capacity, solving problems involving measure before finally learning how to convert between miles and kilometres and exploring imperial measures. Decimals is the next area of maths that we study where we learn all about the place value of decimals and how to round decimals before learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide them.

RE: Christmas will be the focus of our learning at the beginning of Spring. We will focus on the different versions of the Christmas story that appear in the different gospels, before focusing on images of Jesus found in the Gospel of St. John. A unit on Mary and the saints follows in which we explore some of the Church's beliefs about Mary and the feasts that are celebrated in her honour. The children will consider why her role in the life of Christ was so important. Children will also learn about devotions and prayers in honour of her and other important saints. **RHE:** In the unit on Emotional Well-Being pupils will learn about pressures that they may experience from themselves, others and the media. Children will develop ideas on how to build resilience through thankfulness, use techniques to manage their thoughts, feelings and actions and cope with new or difficult feelings such as romance and rage. The final session in this Unit covers how children may be affected by what they see online.

Science: During our unit titled Animals including Humans pupils will learn all about the function of the heart. We will focus on the circulatory system and learn about blood and blood vessels. Investigations into what affects your heart rate will be carried out and pupils will also learn about the negative effects that drugs and alcohol have on the body.

History: Whilst studying The Victorians & The Industrial Revolution we will learn about key changes to life in Britain during this era. We will look carefully at differences between the lives of the rich and poor and the part that the Industrial Revolution played in this.

Art & Design: During a unit called Exploring Identity, pupils will explore a variety of portrait styles before making their own layered portraits, discovering how they can bring their own experiences to the art that they create.

Music: Rock It Music will continue to develop our pupils understanding of a wide range of musical styles whilst also improving their ability to play instruments such as the keyboard, glockenspiel and ukulele.

PE:Indoors - Gymnastics (Thursday) **Outdoors** – Tag Rugby (Friday) Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on these days. Long hair should be tied back and if pupils are wearing earrings they need to be able to remove them by themselves before PE lessons.

Computing: Pupils will be introduced to creating websites for a chosen purpose, identifying what makes a good web page and using this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google Sites. Throughout the process, pupils will pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, the aesthetics of the site, and navigation paths. **Online Safety:** During computing sessions and whenever we use devices we will continue to teach pupils how to stay safe online.

Homework: Homework tasks will continue to be set from the CGP SATs workbooks that pupils have brought home with them. Spellings will also be set weekly. Pupils should continue to use Times Tables Rockstars and complete any online tasks that are set. Children should also be reading daily and completing books so that they are ready to quiz often. Pupils will also be able to select a book from our library or class reading area that they do not need to quiz on as we continue to promote the idea of Reading for Pleasure.

Dates for your diary:

Mass in school every Thursday at 9.30am. Parents of pupils who are reading at Mass or participating in the celebration are welcome to join us in school on these occasions.

Parent meetings will take place after school on 31/03/25 and during the morning of 01/04/25.

Class Trip to The Black Country Living Museum to support our understanding of The Victorians & Industrial Revolution will take place on Thursday 13th February 2025.

