



Year 6 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Coming up in Autumn 2

Hubble, Bubble Toil and Trouble

For the start of this half term, we will be continuing with our learning based upon the Shakespeare play – Macbeth! The focus of our English will shift towards the cunning character of Lady Macbeth and her wicked ways. The children will also become master sewers and will be creating some Macbeth-inspired soft toys.



Using all of our learning, we will answer the question:
Does power corrupt?

Martian Madness

We can't wait to dive back in time to the Victorian period, which will form the setting for our next exciting theme. The children will be using the story of the 'War of the Worlds' as inspiration for our learning; we will be experimenting with torches and light rays in Science to help us understand how light really works! As well as this, in Art we will bring our War of the Worlds-inspired pictures to life by learning how to create



Using all of our learning, we will answer the question:
What is darkness?

depth in our drawings. We wonder what their pictures of the school look like when the children draw the tripods invading QI!

**Thank you for your continued support
Year 6 Team**

Our English learning will include diary writing (in role as the wicked Lady Macbeth and as one of the characters in War of the Worlds) and the writing of scientific reports (linked to our Science learning). The children will also be conducting some surveys to help them understand more of what consumers might want when they purchase soft toys (this will really help them with their sewing designs in DT).

Our Mathematics learning will help us to learn more about fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will be using the four operations to calculate with different types of fractions and in Mathemagic Mondays we will be focusing on calculating percentages of amounts.

Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF) unit is:



Keeping Myself Safe

The key learning points are:

- the rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contacts, and how to report them.
- to consider the effect of their online actions on others and know how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online and the importance of keeping personal information private.
- the risks of sharing photos and films of themselves with other people
- the facts about legal and illegal harmful substances, including risks associated with smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking.

We will also discuss the issues covered by Anti-bullying Week.

How you can support your child's learning at home



Supporting your child to complete their Home Learning each week is one of the best ways that you can help from home. Our new Home Learning books will be coming home soon, and each week's Home Learning (whether it is Maths or Spelling-based) will be to help them remember key number facts and spelling rules. We also can't stress the importance of daily reading; this could be with an adult or simply reading by themselves for pleasure.

Other ways that you can support your child are by encouraging them to read a range of diary style writing. This will help them to understand how the author uses language to convey their true inner thoughts and feelings about what they are writing.

If you would like to, this is a great chance to explore more about light in the Science world.

Year 6 Messages

Thank you for your support with the new Home Learning. Please return books by Thursday each week.

Dates for your Year 6 diary

We are excited to invite you to a parent drop-in on **Tuesday 13th December at 2:50pm** for a 'master-class' in perspective drawing. The children will be prepared to teach their family about what they have been learning in Art.

Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Christmas Performance

Find out about the wonderful learning we did in Autumn 1 on the next page...

Our Learning in Autumn 1

Crooks and Villains

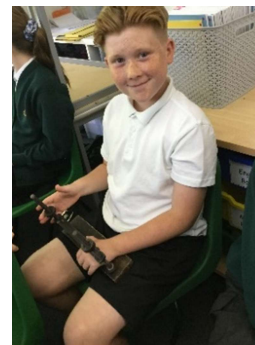
To begin the year in the best possible way, the children practised their teamwork and collaboration to achieve a shared goal; they were set the challenge of building a free-standing bridge out of straws and sellotape. The children really had to think about the qualities they needed in order to collaborate well in a small group – it wasn't always easy! They listened well and shared their ideas to become master builders.



The children loved their visit from Past Productions, who came in to help with our learning about **Crime and Punishment**. They had a fun day learning about and re-enacting some of our country's more gruesome punishments and petty crimes, from Roman courts to Tudor witches.



To help them understand what life was like for a criminal in a Victorian prison, the children re-enacted a series of back-breaking punishments – in silence! These experiences then helped them to write up diary entries in the role of Victorian prisoners.



Year 6 also had a fantastic time visiting **Crookhorn College**! We were met by the teachers from the Technology department and taken to the workshops where the children learnt how to use CAD and CAM to create a 3D acrylic phone holder.

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Continuing on with our drama-based activities, we welcomed The Young Shakespeare Company to Queen's Inclosure to perform the famous play, Macbeth. Once again, the children had the opportunity to join in with sound effects, acting and recitals, which they thoroughly enjoyed and has helped them tremendously with their writing in class. We will be continuing with our Macbeth learning throughout Autumn 2.

