

Curriculum Matters

Our theme in Year Six next half term is **Science** based and covers the following:

'Living things and their habitats'

*Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organism, plants and animals.

*Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

'Evolution and Inheritance'

*Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.

*Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents

*Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

English

This half term, we shall be studying Biographies and Newspapers with close cross-curricular links to the Science themes, covering the following objectives-

* Noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary

*Selecting the appropriate form for the audience and purpose.

*Using appropriate grammar and vocabulary.

*Using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs

*Using organisational devices (sub-headings, bullet points etc) to structure text and guide the reader.

*Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing.

How you can help at home:

Remind your child to read at home as this is an important life skill and really helps improve their writing.

When they write at home, remind them to proofread it carefully (ideally read it out loud).



Maths



- Securing understanding of multiplication and division and applying this to a variety of problem solving (in different contexts)
- Recognising and using fractions, decimals and percentages in a variety of contexts

How you can help at home:

- Remind your child to regularly practise their times tables
- Practise the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Computing

Children will be developing their film-making skills by creating their own documentary. They will use a range of software and create the films on iPads. Watch out David Attenborough!



PE

Tameside Sports Coaches will continue to deliver weekly PE lessons on FRIDAY afternoons. Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE kit (white, plain t shirt and black plain shorts or joggers, plain black trainers).



Religious Education

In R.E. we will be discussing the question 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard?' which will involve us looking at a range of religions and their approach to or beliefs about death, suffering, the afterlife, etc.



MUSIC

The focus will continue to be exploring rhythmic patterns.

Children will develop the skills needed to:

- Explore the structure, lyrics, rhythm and melodies of songs.
- Use percussion instruments to produce a wide variety of sounds.

PSHE - 'Jigsaw'

This term we will be focussing on the theme 'Dreams and Goals', in which the children will explore ideas about challenge, motivation, attitude, perseverance and helping others to achieve goals.