

Elstow School - Curriculum Overview for Year 6, Spring Term

English

During the spring term, English will be based around *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare. The children will start off by researching William Shakespeare and writing a biography about his life. We will then move onto studying the story of Macbeth focusing closely on characterisation, language and setting: particularly the scenes involving the witches, eventually creating a poem about the witches using Shakespearean language.

The children will be looking at essay writing; we will be discussing different essay questions, looking at the structure and composition of an essay. At the end of the unit the children will be writing, giving their opinion on the characters in the play, using evidence to support their answers.

Art & Design

This half term the children will be studying the life and work of Georges Seurat. We will be looking closely at his paintings and creating some of our own using a similar style.

Computing

We will be using a Green Screen app to create our own travel guides for a possible area of the UK.

Children learn how a green Screen works and understand how they are used in television.

We will also be continuing to recap the importance of e-safety throughout the term.

Mathematics

As we have covered the entire Year 6 curriculum in the Autumn term, the rest of the year will involve revising and consolidating these objectives. In the first half term, we will focus on algebra, fractions, decimals, percentages, converting measurements, finding areas of more complex shapes, and constructing and interpreting pie charts and line graphs. Throughout this children will be given ample opportunities to apply these skills through worded and real life problems, as well as to practise the basic skills involved.

For the second half of the term we will be ensuring the remaining areas are revisited (statistics, ratio and proportion, operations and shape).

In addition to our Maths lesson, children have the opportunity to complete problem solving activities to ensure they are able to apply their knowledge.

Design & Technology

In the second half of the term, children will be working with clay to make their own models linked to learning this term.

The children will look at skills such as moulding and joining.

Geography

We will be focusing on British Geography. We will be spending time looking at the geographical features of Wales, Scotland, North East and North West of England. The children will be able to locate these areas on a map and talk about some of the key landmarks situated there.

Modern

Languages

Children will be learning French focused around 'Our home'. This will involve learning words for items and places in their home and town.

Children will also be revising conversational vocabulary.

Music

We will begin the term by studying A New Year Carol by Benjamin Britten.

The second half of the term spends time looking at the pop song Happy by Pharrell Williams.

Science

At the start of the term, we will be learning about The Human Body. This will involve understanding how the circulatory system works and what the different parts are. The children will also learn about what keeps our bodies healthy, and the impacts of exercise and drugs.

Following this, we will move onto Geology, Mixtures and Separations, where children will learn about chemical reactions and how our Earth and soil is formed.

History

We will be focusing on the Industrial Revolution in Britain and how it helped to create the world we live in today. Specifically, we will be learning about the impact of steam engines on cotton spinning and land travel. In addition to this, we will also be studying the introduction of canals and the impact this had on Britain.

Physical

Education

Our PE lessons take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is expected that children come to school already dressed in their PE kit on these days. We would also like to encourage children to have a roll-on deodorant in their school bags that they can use, particularly on these days.

Religious

Education

In RE we will be studying the beliefs of humanists.

Children will be learning what life is like for a Humanist and how their beliefs may differ from their own.