

Elstow School - Curriculum Overview for Year 6, Summer Term

English

At the start of the term, the children will be studying 'the London Eye mystery'. The book is full of idioms – the children will explore the meanings of these and how they are commonly used in English language. We will be looking at the features of a newspaper report and writing an article based on the disappearance of a young boy. The children will also explore the features of suspense writing and writing a short story opening, creating suspense by gripping the reader through the language and sentence structure.

The second half of the term, the children will be reading 'there's a boy in the girls' bathroom.' This book is all about transitioning to a new school – something which all the children can relate to at this point of the term. We will be looking at characters and discussing why they act in a certain way.

Art & Design

The artist that children will be learning about in the first half term is Vincent Van Gogh. Children will be learning about his style of art and applying it to their own art pieces.

Reading

Each week follows a 5 day reading plan and focuses on one text for the whole week. Each week begins with reading the text and discussing any unfamiliar vocabulary which the children will be encouraged to use.

Throughout the rest of the week we then discuss and evaluate the text in more detail, with a focus on developing children's inference skills.

Design & Technology

During the second half term, children will be looking at Moving Mechanisms.

Geography

We will be focusing on The Americas. The children will be able to identify the countries in both North and South America. We will look out how different countries are divided, learning about states and provinces.

The children will be studying both human and physical features of these countries.

Mathematics

The start of the term will focus on revising and applying children's skills in shape, space and measures. Children will then move onto fractions, decimals and percentages, and the four operations. Throughout this, children will be applying these skills through basic calculations and in real life contexts. After this we will move onto analysing data and reading tables, such as time tables.

We would encourage children to use their time wisely in the lead up to their SATs by identifying areas they feel less confident in and ensuring they are revising these.

During the second half of the term, children will be applying all of the skills from throughout the year in projects based on real life contexts.

This will involve children learning how to create mechanisms that move, and applying this to their own creation. They also focus on their evaluation skills.

Film

In the second half term, the children will be learning about film production. We will be looking at the departments behind the scenes when producing films for the big screen.

We will be looking at budgeting, costume and set design as well as advertising and

Project

Music

In Music we will be looking at different genres of music and discussing likes and dislikes as well as the types of instruments used. We will also look at specific artists for the genres. Towards the end of the term, the focus will be on preparing for our Leavers' assembly.

Science

We will be learning about Living things and Evolution. This will involve learning about how the Earth is made up, including the tectonic plates and layers of the Earth. We will then move onto studying the theory of Evolution, how animals adapt and what we inherit from our ancestors.

Each lesson will involve experiments so that children are regularly having the opportunity to work scientifically. This will be excellent preparation for secondary school.

History

During this terms History topic, we will be learning about Elstow in the War, and Code Breaking at Bletchley Park. We will begin by studying the role that Elstow played in WWII, before moving on to looking at the importance of code breaking.

When focusing on code breaking, we will study the work that took place at Bletchley Park, with a focus on Alan Turing and his team breaking the Enigma Code.

Physical Education

Our PE lessons take place on 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

In RE we will be studying Justice and Freedom.

Children will be exploring what Justice and Freedom are. This will involve discussing what their moral beliefs are and understanding how others' beliefs may differ.

Education