

Spring Term 1: Year 6

Frozen Kingdom



English

Our focus will be on writing suspense stories. We will look at the elements that make up a good suspense story and analyse styles of writing that model how to create suspense well. Grammar will focus on: subordinating clauses and conjunctions, colons and semi-colons, passive and active voice, the verb – to be and apostrophes for singular and plural possession. We will continue to practice spelling homophones, as well as revisiting a number of spelling conventions previously taught over Key Stage 2.

We are reading...



Poetry

We will explore Free verse poems and discuss reasons why poets may choose the topics that they do and the impact they have on the reader.

Maths

PERCENTAGES

- *find percentages of an amount.
- *equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.
- *convert percentages into degrees to create a pie chart.

CONVERTING UNITS

- *change Imperial to Metric units using a line graph.

FRACTIONS

- *revising the fractions learning from last term.

Key vocabulary

Frozen	Kingdom	Equator
Classification	Antarctica	Glacier
Arctic circle	Polar regions	
Latitude	Longitude	Population
Linnaeus system	Biome	Climate
Northern and Southern hemispheres		
Aurora Borealis	Tundra	Iceberg
Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)		

Science

Our focus this half term is Living Things and their characteristics. We will be looking at classification systems; understanding that they group living things according to similarities and differences. We will also explore the Carl Linnaeus classification system.



Geography

We will be finding out what a biome is and using world maps to locate biome types around the world. We will look at animals and vegetation that are found in specific biomes. We will also cover: lines of latitude and longitude, tropics of cancer and Capricorn and time zones. We will be researching and comparing the arctic circle and Antarctica, as well as recapping on how adaptation allows for plants and animals to survive in these hostile environments. Later on, we will find out about the people who live in the arctic circle and the aurora borealis.

RE

The big question this half term is... 'Is it better to express your religious belief in art and architecture or in charity and generosity?' We will be visiting different churches in Ashbourne.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this half term is 'Does Money Matter?'. We will be exploring how finance plays an important part in people's lives and develop an understanding of loans, debt, tax and interest.

Music

Watch this space! Music will take a back seat next term, but it will be back with vengeance come the Summer term, as we gear up for an end of year production of a musical based on Peter Pan.

Art

This half term, it will be all about colour: how to mix different tones and shades, and how to use colour to create a mood. Our Artwork will be linked Shrovetide.

PE

P.E. is on Wednesday afternoons. This half term we will focus on Netball and Gymnastics. Year 6 pupils will be dismissed from the Leisure Centre at 3:15pm.

Computing

We will explore computer systems and networks and email. We will also look at Online safety in connection with our above foci. Computer programming will also commence towards the end of the term.