



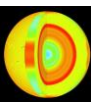






Courtney Primary – Topic Sheet

Term 4 – Year 6

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What is this topic sheet for?

This sheet shows you the topics your child is covering this term and gives you ideas and ways you can help your child at home. The library is always a good starting point and the internet has many great sites. If you visit www.courtney.eschools.co.uk and click on the 'Links' section, you will find useful websites listed there.

 Literacy In term 4 the children will be revising and applying all of their writing skills. We will be reading 'The Viewer' as our class text. We will use it to explore how dialogue can convey character and advance the action in a piece of writing. The children will apply this in their own scene using characters from the book. They will also use figurative language and passive voice to write a warning letter linked to the text. Finally they will write an alternative version of the story.	 Numeracy Throughout the year it is essential that all Year 6 pupils can quickly and accurately recall all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. The children will be practising their mental and written calculation skills every day. Your child should be able to recall key facts about shapes and measures as well as complete calculations mentally. In numeracy lessons our areas of study include: ratio and proportion; 2d and 3d shape; algebra	 Science This term in Science we will be continuing our Chemistry topic and moving onto irreversible changes (after learning about reversible changes in term 3). This will include: cooking; burning; mixing solids and liquids to create gases; mixing liquids to create new products; making slime etc. As we have already covered a lot of the key skills of planning, doing and reviewing in the first half of the year, we will now embed and extend a range of all these skills, including recording whole tests.			
 History /Geography We will complete our topic on the Maya by finding out about the Spanish conquest using a range of sources. We will use this as an opportunity to consider bias in historical sources. We will then study aspects of North and South America including climate zones, and human and physical geography.	 ICT We will be developing our internet research skills by finding out about the North and South American countries for our geography lessons.	 RE In RE, the children will continue considering the question: What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa (harmlessness), Grace (the generosity of God), and Ummah (community)? This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life through exploring three important ideas from three different religions in ways that relate to commitment.	 Art / D.T In art we will be using printing processes to create our own Mayan hieroglyphs. In DT the children will make spinach empanadas to link to our geography topic on the Americas.	 PSHE Our Crown Value for the term is 'we take responsibility for ourselves and do the right thing even when it is difficult'. This will link to our jigsaw theme 'Healthy Me' which is about making healthy choices and being safe.	 PE PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Fridays this term. The children will be focusing on the skills static balances with small bases and developing their coordination by exploring floor movement patterns. They will apply these skills in games of 'beanbag raid' and 'continuous relay'.