

Curriculum Coverage this Term

Stag Lane Middle School Parent Overview Year 6 Autumn Term 2008



Welcome to Year 6 at Stag Lane Middle School. The Class Teachers this year are Miss Brady, Mrs Jagani and Mrs Lewis. In addition, Miss Keohane will be teaching small groups for Literacy and Maths and Mrs Ejdelman will continue the role of Learning Mentor for the year group. Our Teaching Assistants are Mrs. Jackson and Mrs Friend.

This is an important and intense year for children as they will be undertaking the SATs tests in May of next year. Therefore, we would appreciate your support with encouraging and motivating your children and ensuring they complete all tasks set at home.

Homework

- There will be at least one piece of Maths and English homework each week.
- Children should read daily and practice quick recall of multiplication and division facts.
- Children will be given weekly spellings to learn alongside sentences to aid understanding.

English

We continue to follow the National Literacy Strategy whilst beginning to introduce the renewed framework. Children will undertake a study of “Pig Heart Boy” by Malorie Blackman. In addition, they will study a range of biographies, diaries, letters and reports linked to the Geography work on mountains. Children will also work on comprehension once a week.

Maths

This year we continue the renewed maths framework which, whilst focusing on the same strands as before, also includes more calculator work and speaking and listening. The new scheme is designed to consolidate skills and concepts more and link together the different areas of maths.

Science

Children will study interdependence and adaptations of plants and animals. They will work with different materials and mix them, then interpret results; they will particularly consider reversible and irreversible changes.

Music

During the autumn term, pupils will explore the use of harmony, singing in rounds and experimenting with melodic ostinati to provide accompaniments.

DT

This subject will link to our World War 2 topic. The children will design and make their own air-raid shelter.

Physical Education

Children will take part in invasion games and net and wall games. In gymnastics they will work on travelling, balance and body shape.

Religious Education

This term children are studying aspects of the Jewish religion. They will be studying several of the festivals including Sukkoth, Passover, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

ICT

Children will be using the internet to research a topic related to History or Geography. Pupils will also be learning to create a multimedia presentation using PowerPoint linked with their studies in Geography.

Geography

Children will be studying Mountain Environments. They be looking at the nature and characteristics of different world environments and physical features. They will also learn to appreciate how humans interact with their environment.

History

The children will be studying the Second World War. Through diary and letter writing this will also link to Literacy and by studying the holocaust link to R.E. There will also be an educational visit to the RAF Museum.

Art

Pupils will be looking at carnivals around the world and making masks. They will also be carrying out activities which develop their sketching and observational skills. They will be looking at people in action and studying the work of significant artists and photographers and will be using ICT (Adobe) Photoshop.

French

The pupils will get the opportunity to begin studying French. They will learn to meet and greet, instructions, numbers, days and months, where they live as well as looking at some cultural aspects. These lessons will have a strong emphasis on speaking and listening.

Games and PE

Children will need their PE kit on the following days:

6B - Tuesday and Thursday

6J - Tuesday and Friday

6K - Tuesday and Thursday

Please note that children must be properly equipped for PE and games lessons or they will not be able to take part. No jewellery of any kind is permitted during these lessons.

Outings and Events

There will be a trip to the RAF Museum in October as part of the History curriculum.

If you feel you need any further information please feel free to ask your child's teacher for an appointment.

Parents' Evening will be held on 7th October, 2008