

**English** – During the first half term, children will be writing a suspense story inspired by the short film, 'Alma'. They will also be completing cross-curricular writing units, such as a biography on Charles Darwin and an encyclopaedia page for a rainforest animal. After their trip to Kingswood in November, the children will be writing a diary entry of their experiences, before then producing some discursive writing.

**Mathematics** – Daily, maths lessons will feature quick-fire 'Do Now!' questions to help the children recall arithmetic facts and methods quickly and confidently. After a place value recap, they will learn formal methods of long multiplication and division, as well as increasing their knowledge of fractions. Teaching will place an emphasis on children improving their conceptual understanding of key mathematical areas.



## Autumn Term - KS2

**Trips and Visitors** – It is with great excitement that we look forward to our residential trip to Overstrand Hall Activity Centre in November. This is always a highlight of the Year 6 calendar.



**Computing** – This term, Year 6 will be taught efficient online research techniques in order to find reliable answers to topic questions. They will go on to study computer networks and how the internet works alongside online safety lessons. Pupils will also use iMovie to create their own videos.

**R.E.** – In RE this term, the children will learn about Islamic and Christian beliefs. They will focus on 2 enquiry questions: 'How does Tawhid create a sense of belonging to the Muslim community?' and 'How do Christians show their belief that Jesus is God incarnate?'

**Art** – The children will be acting as activists, choosing powerful imagery to communicate their message to the world through collage and print. After half term, the children will be taking inspiration from artists who use colour, light and form to create immersive installations (pupils will create 'mini-world light boxes').

**Science** – Our science topics will be 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Evolution and inheritance', beginning with how classification systems were developed. They will also be learning about the theory of evolution, looking into how animals have adapted over time.

**History & Geography** – For geography, our topic is 'Central and South American Studies'. The children will learn to use atlases and globes to locate countries and learn about human and physical features, with a focus on the Amazon region.

**Homework** – Homework will be handed out on a Friday and collected in on the following Friday. It will consist of weekly spellings; maths fluency and times tables practise. We also highly encourage children to read for pleasure regularly as this is so important in extending their vocabulary and improving their writing.

**Primary Languages** – French will be taught through the Language Angels programme. The pupils will be using numbers and phrases to say, read and write dates and when their birthday is. They will also be learning the names of animals and how to ask and answer questions surrounding pets.

**P.E.** – Pupils will be working on playing invasion and net style games of tag rugby and tennis whilst developing their tactical awareness, knowledge of rules and promoting fair play.

**P.S.H.E.** – The main aim during PSHE lessons will be teaching the children how to stay safe online. We will also be discussing gender roles and how pressures to behave in an unacceptable, unhealthy or risky way can come from a variety of sources, including people they know and the media.

**Music** – Pupils will learn about the musical genre of rock this term. They will have workshops on the drum kit, bass guitar, ukulele, keyboard and singing before forming bands. Towards the end of the term, we will be preparing for our annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church.