



YEAR 6 • AUTUMN 1

DOES THE CRIME FIT THE TIME?

This half term, Year 6 will be exploring the history of Crime and Punishment, discovering how crime, laws and punishments have changed over time. Children will explore crime and punishment during the Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorian eras, looking at how people were treated and why punishments were used. Through exploring historical sources, pupils will investigate the Tower of London, learn about the case of Carl Hans Lody, and discover how the prison system has developed. They will compare punishments from different periods and consider how changes in society, technology and living conditions affected crime and justice. By the end of the unit, children will understand how the justice system has changed over time and consider how punishment and rehabilitation are used today.



SUPER START

Year 6 will explore what justice means and learn about the symbols of justice.

Children will then take part in a mock courtroom, where they will discuss three scenarios and decide whether each person is guilty or not guilty. They will use the evidence to explain their decisions.

EPIC END

Learning Showcase – Children will have the opportunity to share and celebrate their learning from this half term.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

Tower of London

UNICEF articles – linked through core text or other curriculum areas.



OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

ENGLISH

In English, Year 6 will explore a range of writing genres, including narratives, persuasion and Recounts. Children will develop their understanding of different text types and use Talk for Writing (T4W) to build vocabulary, ideas and confidence. Through a variety of engaging topics, pupils will plan, write and edit their own pieces of work, developing their ability to write clearly and effectively for different purposes and audiences. They will create imaginative narratives, persuasive pieces and recounts, while continuing to develop their vocabulary, sentence structure and overall writing skills.

SCIENCE

In Science, Year 6 will explore Animals Including Humans. Children will learn about the human body and how its different systems work together. They will explore the heart, blood and blood vessels, and how nutrients and water are transported around the body. Through practical activities, pupils will learn how the circulatory system keeps our bodies healthy.

ART / DT

In Art and Design, Year 6 will explore how art can communicate ideas, identity and viewpoints. Children will experiment with a range of media and techniques, making purposeful choices about how they create and present their work. They will develop their own artistic style through drawing, sculpture and mixed media, while learning to evaluate and improve their work. Children will also design and create functional sculptures, solving problems creatively and considering their audience and purpose.

MUSIC

In Music, Year 6 will focus on developing their skills on the violin. Children will learn to play simple melodies, develop their understanding of rhythm and pitch, and improve their technique through regular practice. They will also have opportunities to perform and play together, building their confidence and enjoyment of music.

MATHS

In Maths, Year 6 will follow the White Rose Maths curriculum, starting with Place Value. Children will develop their understanding of numbers up to 10 million, reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers, and understanding the value of each digit. They will also explore negative numbers, rounding numbers and using number lines to solve problems. Children will build confidence in applying their place value knowledge to a range of mathematical problems and reasoning activities, explaining their thinking and choosing appropriate methods to solve problems.

HISTORY

In History, Year 6 will explore Crime and Punishment, learning how laws, crime and punishments have changed over time. Children will explore the Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorian eras, comparing how people were punished and how crime was dealt with. They will also learn about the Tower of London, explore the case of Carl Hans Lody, and discover how the prison system has changed. Children will use historical sources to understand how ideas about crime, punishment and justice have developed over time.

PSHE / RE

In RE, Year 6 will explore Christian beliefs and teachings, considering how faith can influence people's beliefs, choices and actions. Children will explore different Christian perspectives and discuss how religious beliefs can shape the way people live their lives. Through discussion and reflection, pupils will consider different viewpoints, ask thoughtful questions and develop their understanding of faith, values and beliefs. In PSHE, Year 6 will focus on developing confidence, responsibility and understanding of others. Children will think about their goals for the year, discuss their hopes and worries about the future, and learn how to express their feelings in a positive way.

They will also explore children's rights and responsibilities, considering why some children around the world do not have their basic rights met. Through discussion and reflection, pupils will understand how their actions and choices can affect others.

KEY TEXTS

The Highwayman

PE - In PE, Year 6 will focus on football, developing their passing, movement and teamwork skills through invasion games.