



Curriculum Newsletter

POWER

Upper School — Spring 2022

English

This term we are diving into the story of Macbeth and exploring, among many things, who holds the real power in the story. We will be writing poetry based on the song of the witches and using these poems and potions to write detailed instructions. We will also be writing letters from the point of view of Lady Macbeth to demonstrate her quest for power.

We will also be reading Holes by Louis Sachar. We will use this brilliant book to write narratives setting descriptions and diary entries to really engage the reader.

Knowledge & Understanding

We will look at how the use of power has changed throughout history starting with Ancient Greek democracy, before investigating how the power of monarchs has changed from absolute power to constitutional power.

In science we will be studying the changes materials go through when exposed to different conditions and learn whether these changes are reversible or irreversible.

In RE we will study the concept of power in different religions and also the resurrection as we get closer to Easter.

Get Involved!

Please encourage your child to become as quick as they can with their multiplication, division and other key facts. Continue to talk about what your child has read and take the opportunity to read and discuss any of the books we are using at school at school.

Key Information

Year 6 will continue to prepare for their SATs. The children should continue to bring in their revision books each session and **this week they have been given study books to support their learning further**. Short pieces of home learning will be set from these books for the year 6 children. Year 5 home learning will follow next week.

We are very much looking forward to a visit to Winchester on 6th and 7th April to support our learning in history and RE (more information will follow). In the meantime, please ensure your child continues to wear PE kit on the days that they have PE. A quick reminder that World Book Day is 3rd March. We will be dressing up as our favourite characters and authors as part of this!

PDL (Personal Development Learning)

This term we will be focussing on what affects physical, mental and emotional health. We will reflect on achievements and set goals with high aspirations.

We are also really pleased to welcome the Art of Brilliance back on 24th January to continue to develop confidence and positive thinking!

Spanish

This half-term the children will be increasing their knowledge of language to describe parts of the human body as well as describing mood and personality.

We will also be learning about artists such as Picasso and Kahlo and using Spanish to describe their artwork.

Physical Education

Our focuses for this term in PE are gymnastics and other team building games and activities to begin with and then moving on to volleyball and netball.

Maths

We will begin the term learning about number and place value, linked with the conversion of measures. We will also be learning about fractions, percentages and ratio as well as addition and subtraction using formal methods and when solving problems based on real life contexts.

Rapid recall of multiplication and division facts continues to be essential in all aspects of maths.

Being Creative

In art we will design and make masks, depicting power shared by characters in Greek mythology.

In music, we will be listening to music which portrays power. We will then use similar techniques to compose our own music which evokes a feeling of power.

Web links

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUZKg3KdtYo&ab_channel=HappyLearningEnglish

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers>

<https://play.trockstars.com/>