St Denys Primary School

Year Six Curriculum Update Spring 2

English

This half term we will be basing our reading and writing on: The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie – a thrilling magical adventure set within a shop where all of your dreams come true; and The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes – a classic narrative poem about love, jealousy, betrayal and loyalty with a gruesome end!

We will be writing to entertain, including setting and character descriptions and tense narratives.

We will continue to follow our Spelling and Grammar curriculum for the year as well as revising lots of previous learning.

In reading lessons, we will be reading like a writer, focusing on the choices that authors make and analysing the vocabulary.

Mathematics

To include:

- Fractions, decimals and percentages;
- Multi-Step Word Problems;
- Ratio;
- Algebra;
- Basic skills (multiplication facts, place value and using time);
- Maths fluency (using number knowledge, basic skills and understanding relationships between numbers to calculate fluently using mental computation strategies).

Science

Electricity

In learning about electricity, the children will learn:

- To construct simple circuits;
- To produce circuit diagrams using universally recognised symbols
- To compare and give reasons for variations in the functions of components in different simple circuits
- To plan, carry out, record and explain investigations.

Religious Education

The children will learn about symbolism in religion, focusing particularly on the symbolism of the Empty Cross in the Easter Story

History

The Victorians

In our Victorians topic, we will learn about the main events that took place during the Victorian era; the indurtrial revolution and how it changed everyone's lives; the positive and negative impacts of the British Empire; the huge differences between how

Art

Art and Fashion

Children will learn:

- About the influence of art in fashion
- About optical art and the work of Victor Vassarelly
- About the work and the influence of Piet Mondrian
- To produce their own artwork inspired by the above artists

rich and poor people lived during this time, and what life was like for children.

• To design their own fashion items, inspired by popular artists

Computing

Spreadsheets

Children will learn:

- What a spreadsheet is
- How to modify spreadsheets
- How to insert formulae
- How to use a spreadsheet to analyse data
- How to create a spreadsheet for a specific task
- To present data in easy to read ways.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we will be studying the following units:

Evaluating media sources; sharing things online

Money and how to be financially responsible