

Gatten and Lake Primary School Curriculum News

Year 6 Autumn 1

Would you like to 'Tour de France'?

It has been a fun-packed half term and the class have settled into Team 6 extremely well.

The children planned a trip to France by researching the places they would like to visit and planning a route around the country. They used a range of map and compass point skills to decide how to travel to their tourist destinations and researched about the country's demographics along the way.

In art, the children analysed and reviewed some of the classic artworks of The Louvre. They then focused on the works of Monet and recreated some of his masterpieces, using a range of painting techniques.



In Maths the children have been working on a range of problem solving and reasoning tasks to deepen and extend their understanding of place value, rounding numbers and problem solving, as well as improving their understanding of the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The children also wrote some fantastic narratives and a scene setting using a range of punctuation and grammatical skills and they developed their use of figurative language to create some outstanding descriptions. They worked collaboratively to write and perform their own Harvest Festival poem and they also dramatized a range of poems for World Poetry Day.

In science, the class have learnt all about the workings of the human body, with a specific focus on the heart, lungs and circulation system. They also learnt about the way in which exercise and healthy living affect our bodies.



In our PE sessions, the children have been developing their skills in basketball and have improved their passing and moving skills to enhance their play.

In RE, the children discussed leadership and considered whether Hitler or Jesus were better leaders. This evoked some great discussions and debate.

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Year 6 Autumn 2

Was the 'Great War', great?

The year 6 theme for the coming half term is all about World War 1.

The children will be assessing the impact of the war and creating power point presentations with their findings. They'll review war artefacts and assess how weaponry and machinery have changed throughout history and research into how propaganda affected the war.

In art, year 6 will be developing their drawing skills to create trench art. They will need to consider the emotions they portray with their artworks and think about proportion and scale to provide accurate drawings.

In English, the class are reading Beverley Naidoo's 'Journey to Jo'burg', which is a story set in apartheid South Africa. They'll then be working on Michael Morpurgo's 'Private Peaceful'. The class will be enhancing their grammatical and punctuation skills to write newspaper reports and letters from the front line.

Maths will have a focus on factors, multiples and prime numbers, before working on fractions, decimals and percentages.

The science topic for this half term is 'Living things and their habitats'. The class will be looking into how animals, plants and micro-organisms are classified into groups and researching the Linnaeus system.

In PSHE, the class will be studying this half term's topic of 'Valuing Difference'. They'll be looking at discrimination and bullying and considering the impact this can have. They'll also look at positive attitudes and behaviours and how these can help build relationships.

PE this half term will focus upon dynamic moving and boxercise.

At home your child could:

Research the effects of the war.

Look at War poetry and the emotions they convey.

As a family you may like to:

Explore the foods of Wartime Britain.

Visit memorial sites.