

## Andrews' Endowed Year 6 Curriculum



### Overview Autumn Term 2023

#### History Topic – Ancient Benin

We will be starting the year off by looking at the ancient civilisation of Benin in West Africa. We will be looking at a timeline of the Benin civilisation, and the evidence we have to show what we know about them. We will be looking at their everyday life, religion, rulers and trade. We will end the unit with looking briefly at European contact, the slave trade and British rule of the country as it is today.

#### English

This half term we will be looking at Northern Lights by Philip Pullman. We will be looking at comprehension of the story in Guided Reading and focusing on writing alternative endings in English. We will also be creating a Biography based on Thomas Edison, linked to Electricity in Science and a persuasive advert written from an instructor's point of view persuading other Y6 teachers to bring their class to Calshot.

#### English

Now we have practised getting back to writing at length and revising what we should know, we will be completing some longer three week long units on the idea of belonging with the short film 'Paperman' and we will be writing an independent retelling of the story from other point of view. We will also be looking at 'The Errand' by Leo LaFleur and writing our own 'Errand' Narrative.

#### Science Topic – Circulatory System

This half term we will be finishing our guided reading work on 'The Pig Hart Boy' and will be completing both science lessons about blood and the circulatory system, as well as PSHE sessions on the ethics of blood transplants, tissue and organ donation, animal testing (in terms of Pig Hart Boy and breeding and growing genetically engineered pigs for human use) and animal rights.

#### Art – African Art

We will be spending this half term looking at and recreating some classic west African pieces of art, from clay heads from the Benin's, to modern paintings from the region, and comparing them with East African artworks from countries such as Kenya with the Massai in their famous red robes.

### Ancient Benin Autumn 1

#### Computing -

We will be creating: some Pixel Art in the style of 8-Bit games and at systems and networks and how they create a network.

#### Computing – Creating Media

The children will be creating their own websites based on our Calshot trip using Google Sites.

### 'The art of being Human' Autumn 2

#### Art – Exploring Identity

We will be looking at artists who embrace things which make them who they are: culture, background, experiences and passions. We will use this to create drawings, collages, sketches and layered portraits.

#### PE

Football  
(Autumn 1)

Handball  
(Autumn 1)

Street  
Dance  
(Autumn 2)

Hockey  
(Autumn 2)

#### Science Electricity (Autumn 1)

Children learn about two of the most important scientific inventors in the field of electricity – Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla as well as creating their own circuits and learning about volts.

**Biology – Circulatory System (Autumn 2)** Building on previous KS2 biology units, we will be investigating the circulatory system. This includes the composition and function of blood, the heart, nutrient deficiency, the circulatory system with veins, arteries and capillaries and having a healthy body.

#### RE

**Autumn 1**-Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary? –This unit links well with our science unit and discusses Christian beliefs as God as the creator against atheist understandings of natural selection.

**Autumn 2** – Belonging - People of God - How can following God bring freedom and justice?

#### Music

##### Autumn 1

Roundabout – exploring rounds, scales and relays in a covid safe way.

##### Autumn 2

Journey into space – exploring sounds, their sources and how to make them and varying pitches and volumes.

#### French

We will be reading a variety of French children's stories and adapting pages from one story to create a new version for our class.

#### PSHE + Citizenship- Autumn 1

We will be continuing to look more at internet safety, and particularly the use of mobile phones as many Y6 pupils have a mobile if and when they start to walk home on their own. We will also be looking and how to deal with both highs and lows in friendships and how we can help ourselves when situations don't go our way. Finally, we will be looking to human rights are, our own identity in terms of British values and our own personal values.

##### Autumn 2

To help with some of the questions the children are already having with reading 'Pig Hart Boy', the children will begin to discuss organ donation along with some animal rights and animal testing concepts. We will also be looking at how we can stay healthy in terms of our body and circulatory system such as diet and exercise.

#### Maths

This term we will be starting by solidifying our knowledge of place value with identifying, ordering and using numbers up to 10 million. We will also be revising rounding and our knowledge of negative numbers. We will also be revising and using factors, multiples and prime numbers. We will be multiplying using column multiplication as well as revising short division and learning long division and BODMAS. We will be multiplying and dividing fractions, finding fractions of amounts and converting between different metric and imperial units of measure.