



Year 6 - During this term, our theme is  
**'How has crime and punishment changed?'**



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
<b>English</b>	This half term we will be finishing 'Room 13' by Robert Swindells and using this amazing book as a focus for much of our reading work. As well as this, we will be using the short film 'Alma' as a stimulus for much of our writing. We will be writing extended narratives using a range of devices, and particularly focusing on writing effective endings. We will also continue to focus on developing the children's SPaG knowledge and reading skills in preparation for SATs beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May.	Encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and explore new authors. They may also like to visit the library to read other books from the same genre, or books by Robert Swindells. <b>Reading regularly is vital for our Year 6 children.</b> <b>Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day.</b>
<b>Maths</b>	We will be revising everything we have learnt in Year 6 to prepare us for SATs this half term. Some of the areas we will be looking at include: fractions, decimals and percentages, place value, ratio and proportion, algebra and word problems involving a mixture of arithmetic.	Encourage the use of maths at home as much as possible. Quick recall of times tables and number facts are beneficial to your child. Challenge your child to recall their times tables as quickly as they can to develop their confidence with this.
<b>Geography</b> <b>'How are the Earth's Natural Resources Distributed?'</b>	We will be completing our geography unit at the beginning of this half term. The children will discover what we mean by 'natural resources', why we use them and how they are distributed around the world. They will also learn about trade and how resources travel around the world. We will be looking at different sources of energy, and finding out which of these are renewable and which are non-renewable. Our final lesson will be considering how resource exploitation affects the environment.	Discuss how you use natural resources at home. Can your child identify objects within the home that have been made from natural resources? What types of energy do you use? Are these renewable or non-renewable?
<b>History</b> <b>'How has crime and punishment changed through the ages?'</b>	During our History topic this half term, the children will examine exactly how crime and punishment has changed through the ages. We will compare and contrast how people were punished for the crimes they committed during the Roman era, the Anglo-Saxon age, the Tudor period and during Victorian Britain, before comparing them to how crimes are dealt with today.	Think about an area at home that has changed over time, using a photograph as a stimulus if possible. Your child can sketch the place and then annotate it to show how it is now and what has changed.
<b>Science</b> <b>'Evolution and Inheritance'</b>	The children will have the opportunity during our Science lessons this half term to build on knowledge and learning acquired during Year 3. Children will learn about evolution, inheritance and adaptation as well as about Charles Darwin and his Theory of Evolution. The children will have the opportunity to examine fossils and learn how certain species have evolved and adapted over time, based on their habitat, in order to survive.	Use the internet to search for what is meant by a 'living fossil', then try to see how many examples of living fossils your child can collate. Why not use DK findout! to research Charles Darwin and see what you can find out: <a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/famous-scientists/charles-darwin/">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/famous-scientists/charles-darwin/</a>

<b>Religious Education 'Hinduism'</b>	This term, the children will identify and explain key Hindu beliefs and look at stories relating to these. They will make connections to the beliefs studied and explain why they are important to Hindus.	Ask your child to choose a different major world religion and find out what the key beliefs are and how they compare to Hinduism. Do some research on this topic to share in class.
<b>Physical Education  (Year 6 PE is on a Friday)</b>	We will be learning how to play cricket this half term. The children will learn how to bat, field and bowl correctly, before creating, understanding and applying attacking tactics in game situations.	Encourage your child to practise throwing, catching and bowling at home. Now the nights are getting lighter, more time can be spent outside.
<b>Computing Digital Agency - Clips</b>	This half term, the children will be using 'Clips'. This application allows them to create videos on a range of topics. They will learn how to create a new project and name it; use and manipulate text for effect on a selfie film; use images, text and stickers effectively to support audience engagement in a presentation; and use soundtracks/music to improve a presentation.	Children can practise using their skills in any video making application they have access to at home.
<b>Art</b>	During our In2 sessions this term, the children will be working with artists from <i>Bloominart</i> to use a variety of mediums and develop a range of techniques to enable them to create a piece of artwork. This project will also include a trip to the railway museum in Shildon to provide inspiration for the artwork.	Ask your child to research traditional railway posters and encourage them to create their own poster for either Darlington or Northwood in this style.
<b>PSHE</b>	How can I make a difference in my community? We will be thinking about citizenship this half term. What does it mean to be a good citizen and how can we show this? We will also be learning about what the government is and why they are important for British life?	Think about what you could do at home and in your surrounding area to show you are a thoughtful citizen. Maybe you could go on a litter pick or do something thoughtful for a neighbour.

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