Year 6

Experience: As crime and punishment is full of mystery and suspense, we can't give this one away yet… we have an exciting hook for our topic that will immerse the children immediately!



Topic:

Crime and Punishment

English:

To kick off the year, we will be writing a narrative full of suspense and tension to describe the main character's experience in the music video Titanium. Hopefully, by the end of this unit you won't be able to put your child's work down …

Linking to our class novel, we will then write in the role of Stanley Yelnats from Holes. The children will use their understanding from the book to get a feel for the character and his experiences at Camp Green Lake, sharing this through a written form to evoke emotion and use powerful description to engage the reader.

To commemorate Black History Month in October, the children will use the poem 'Caged Bird' by Maya Angelou to explore the inspiration of the poem itself and use it as a model to write their own using a range of poetry features.

Science:

We are investigating the role of the heart, lungs and our blood in keeping us alive! The children will get an opportunity to use experiments, real-life models and active games to represent the circulatory system and demonstrate their understanding of how blood moves around our bodies.

Geography + History:

Does the punishment fit the crime? Year 6 will be exploring the history behind crime and punishment across Europe, focusing on some of the more gruelling punishments and how they led to the creation of many human rights statutes as well as the idea behind the modern day jury. They will even be writing a criminal recount in through their eyes.

Computing:

We will learn how to use complex formula in spreadsheets and how to apply this to real life, focusing on planning a school cake sale!

Maths:

In Maths, we will be consolidating and extending our use of the four operations. This will include single and multi-step word problems while also handling numbers with decimals. Place value will also be a focus of this half term, exploring numbers up to 10 million.

The children will complete their SATs baseline tests at the end of this half term, providing us with the information we need to start preparing them for the KS2 SATs at the end of the year.

Art + Design Technology:

In DT, we will learn about structures and frames. The children will be using a variety of materials to construct a tall (and stable) medieval structure to fit in with our Crime and Punishment topic.

PE:

Hockey: The children will engage in passing, shooting and tackling on the playground. Tactics and team work will be promoted heavily as we build up to playing full hockey games.

Dance: We will be exploring a range of movement and techniques to eventually choreograph our own dance and explore cultural dances such as Bhangra.

Music:

Amazing Machines: We will be exploring 8-beat rhythm patterns. Creating, combining notes and performing their own melodies will be a major part of this unit. Small group work will help boost their confidence in this subject.

PSHE + RE:

In PSHE, we will be exploring positive, healthy relationships with friends, family members and partners. Our RE topic focuses on the warning given to Jesus by the Magi (Three wise men).

French:

I am a SUPERHERO! We will be looking at how to describe ourselves using powerful French language.

Outdoor Learning:

This term, we will be bonding in classes through the experience of team building activities. We will focus on effective communication and understanding each other's strengths to be successful.