English (Reading and writing):

Text drivers/books to share: Clockwork by Philip Pullman and the animation Alma will be used to support writing

Reading

Children that are part of our phonics scheme (Read Write Inc), will continue to improve decoding and fluency when reading. Children that are fluent will be focussing on their reading skills to aid comprehension. We are using Reading VIPERS to help with this.

Writing

In English, Year 6 will be studying the book Clockwork by Philip Pullman. They will be using the information in the book to write a description of one of the lead characters - Karl, Gretl, Dr. Kalmenius, Fritz. To write this they will be learning how to add use not just 'looking features' but also 'action features', use relative clauses as well as other sentence structures. Children will also write their own 'ending' to Part 1 of the book using language and features of suspense. Added writing opportunities will include a diary in character as well as a poem.

When looking at the animation, children will write a letter of persuasion. They will also get an opportunity to write a settings description.

DISCOVER: (Curriculum focus) - Art

In art this half term the children will be looking at Pop art and the artists Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein as well as other artists. They will learn all about this art movement and recreate their own pieces in pop art's distinctive style.

Modern Foreign Languages - French

This half-term, year 6 will be covering:

- Armistice in France
- Classroom objects
- French alphabet and spelling
- Order and position of words in a sentence
- Formal/Informal language
- Dictionary work
- St. Nicholas and Christmas celebrations in France

Physical Education:

This half term, year 6 will be learning the skills of athletics in PE. They will be looking at running - pacing themselves according to the distance, throwing techniques and jumping. They will then put these skills into practice by having friendly competitive 'races'.

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Religious Education:

In RE this half-term, we will be looking at INTERPRETATION - the two birth narratives. They will look at why there are two interpretations of the story of the birth of Jesus in the Bible and begin to explain a personal response to the way in which different interpretations of situations have been evident in their own experience.

Create:

Music: In music this half-term the children will continue to look at Dynamics, pitch and texture (Theme: Coast - Fingal's Cave by Mendelssohn). They will be appraising the work of Mendelssohn and further developing improvisation and composition skills.

HOMEWORK

This half term the children will be getting homework on a weekly basis. The homework will include spelling and either maths, reading comprehension or SPaG. This will be given on a Thursday and expected in the following Tuesday. The children are expected to be practising

Mathematics:

Over the next term, Year 6 will be consolidating their knowledge in the areas of: multiplication and division strategies, fractions, percentages, time and measurement. Children will continue to practise their times tables recall.

In addition to tackling these National Curriculum objectives, the children will be challenged to apply their newly taught knowledge through challenges, problem solving activities and mathematical investigations.

STEM

Science:

Topic: Energy - Light and Reflection Children in year 6 will be Proving that light travels in a straight line, and use this information to explain observations of reflection and shadows. Pupils will investigate the effect of moving an object away from the surface it casts a shadow on and the relationship between the incoming and reflected rays on a mirrored surface. They will be exploring real uses of mirrors and apply what they have learned about light throughout the unit.

Computing:

Web page creation (creating media) This half term children in year 6 will recognise that a website is a set of hyperlinked web pages. They will also recognise components of a web page layout and understand the ownership and use of images (copyright). By the end of the unit children will be able to create their own webpage using Google sites

PSHE:

In PSHE this half-term, year 6 will be looking at valuing difference. We will be looking at: 1) OK to be different; 2) We have more in common than not; 3) Respecting differences; 4) Tolerance and respect for others; 5) Challenging gender stereotypes. No Outsiders - we will be looking at 'The king of the sky' by Nicola Davis, which focuses on immigration. The