


Year 6 Autumn Overview

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English	<p style="text-align: center;">Adventure Tale - Face Off</p> <p>In our “Face-Off” writing topic, we will explore the adventurous tale of two climbers engaged in a race to the top of a cliff. Starting with a trip to Sunderland Climbing Wall, we will draw upon real experiences to help us write with the reader in mind. By the end of the unit, we will make deliberate grammatical choices and use technical vocabulary to develop our own adventure story with real context of the feelings of being adventure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newspaper Article - Face Off</p> <p>In this non-fiction unit, we will use our previous learning from the adventure story and use it to switch genres and write in a more formal style. With the writing focus being on the voice being consistent throughout their piece, we are challenged to use specific tone and formality which is appropriate for the audience. We are reminded that a newspaper’s purpose is to inform, educate and entertain. By the end of the unit, we will have a deep knowledge of newspaper structure and will be challenged to write our own newspaper report.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Review Writing - Climbing Shoe Review</p> <p>In this “Review Writing” unit, we will study a range of reviews but focus on reviewing a climbing shoe primarily. We will learn that reviews introduce, evaluate, analyse, conclude and make recommendations to the reader. Grammatically, we will include modal verbs, logical conjunctions, personal pronouns and rhetorical questions where appropriate. At the end of the unit, we will write a review of our choosing which features all of the learning from the unit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Poetry Unit - The Highwayman</p> <p>In this unit, we will study an abridged version of <i>The Highwayman</i> by Alfred Noyes, exploring its structure, language, and imagery. We will examine how the poem uses archaic language and poetic devices such as hyperbole, metaphors, similes, and personification to create vivid imagery and evoke strong emotions. We will focus on the narrative structure, identifying how the poem builds suspense and develops characters. This unit encourages a deeper understanding of poetic form and the effective use of language, consolidating knowledge of poetic devices to enhance our own creative writing.</p>
Maths	<p style="text-align: center;">Place Value</p> <p>This term in our Maths lessons, we’re diving into an exciting unit all about Place Value. We’ll explore numbers all the way up to 10,000,000, learning how to read, write, and compare them confidently. We’ll also focus on rounding integers, helping us estimate and simplify calculations. Another key part of this unit is understanding negative numbers—we’ll practise ordering them and even solving problems that go below zero.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division</p> <p>In this unit we will be focusing on Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division. We’ll explore common factors and multiples, learn the rules of divisibility, and investigate prime, square, and cube numbers. You’ll also practise short and long multiplication and division, building your confidence with different methods.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fractions A</p> <p>In Maths, we’re starting our unit called Fractions A. We’ll explore equivalent fractions, learn how to compare and order fractions, and practise adding and subtracting fractions, including mixed numbers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fractions B</p> <p>We’re continuing our work with Fractions B. We’ll learn how to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers, work out fractions of an amount, and even practise finding the whole from a fraction.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Converting Units of Measure</p> <p>During this unit we will be focusing on Converting Units of Measure. We’ll work with metric measures, learn how to convert between miles and kilometres, and explore some common imperial measures.</p>
Science	<p style="text-align: center;">Evolution and Inheritance</p> <p>Following national curriculum guidance for Science, we will learn about Evolution and Inheritance, building on our understanding of animals including humans which we have learned about throughout the key stage. The lessons focus on inheritance, adaptation, the theory of evolution and evidence of evolution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scientist Study - Charles Darwin</p> <p>In our learning about the scientist Charles Darwin, we will explore his life, his travels and his incredible work documenting the natural world. We will learn about his passion for wildlife and nature, his work around the theory of evolution and its impact on natural science today.</p>	

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Art	<p style="text-align: center;">Drawing - Artist Focus - Romero Britto</p> <p>This term in Art, our unit is all about Drawing, with an Artist Focus on Romero Britto. We'll explore his bold, colourful style and use a range of mediums such as felt tips, pens, and paints to create our own vibrant artworks inspired by his work.</p>	
Computing	<p style="text-align: center;">Digital Literacy and Online Safety</p> <p>We will learn essential digital citizenship skills through lessons based on Common Sense Education's curriculum. Topics include online well-being, privacy and security, online identity, relationships, and how to navigate communication and media responsibly. These lessons promote awareness of how to stay safe and make positive choices online.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spreadsheet Masters</p> <p>In this unit, we will hone our spreadsheet skills to become spreadsheet masters! We will learn about the basics of spreadsheets with a range of fun tasks. We will investigate sorting, using formulas and conditional formatting as you build towards making self-marking quiz games for our classmates.</p>
Design and Technology	<p style="text-align: center;">Food - Healthy and Varied Diet</p> <p>In this unit, we will explore the importance of a healthy and balanced diet, focusing on food groups and their benefits. We will learn to use healthy ingredients to create dishes, understand portion sizes, and consider nutritional value.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Food - Celebrating Culture and Seasonality</p> <p>In this unit, we will celebrate food from different cultures and explore seasonal ingredients. We will learn about the benefits of eating seasonally and create dishes from around the world.</p>	
French	<p style="text-align: center;">Language Angels - En ville (Around Town) <i>PHONICS FOCUS LESSON: qu, gne, ç, en, an</i></p> <p>This unit, <i>En ville (Around Town)</i>, introduces pupils to 10 key places in a town, focusing on nouns and definite articles in the target language. Students learn to give and understand directions using prepositions to describe the location of places relative to one another. The unit culminates in a paired role-play where pupils act as Olivia, a tour guide, and a tourist. Here they practice both asking and answering questions about town locations. This builds upon vocabulary and conversational skills in a practical context.</p>	
Geography	<p style="text-align: center;">Patagonia - South America</p> <p>In this geography unit, we will focus on South America, specifically the diverse region of Patagonia. We will explore its unique human and physical features, including its dramatic landscapes, wildlife and climate. Using maps and resources, we will learn about South America's mountains, plains, and coastal areas, as well as how local communities adapt to this challenging environment. This unit will help us understand the relationship between humans and nature in this remote part of the world, deepening our knowledge of South American geography.</p>	
History	<p style="text-align: center;">The Viking and Anglo-Saxon Struggle for the Kingdom of England</p> <p>In this unit, we will learn who King Alfred was and what he did that made him "great". We will deepen our knowledge of Alfred's mission to make peace with the Vikings. We will then learn about the origin of the Vikings, why they invaded Britain and how they managed it. We will try and understand what life at sea would have been like in a Viking Longship. We will then learn about Viking raids, Viking Gods and the significance of Lindisfarne in Viking and English History.</p>	
Music	<p style="text-align: center;">Charanga - Happy</p> <p>In this unit, we will explore the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. We will focus on its rhythm, dynamics, and structure and practice singing and playing instruments in time. We will also have opportunities to improvise, develop our musical leadership skills and share our performance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charanga - Classroom Jazz 2</p> <p>In this unit we will be introduced to jazz and blues, focusing on improvisation and playing simple melodies using glocks and recorders. We will learn to appraise jazz music, practice different rhythmic patterns, and perform both individually and as part of a group.</p>
PE	<p style="text-align: center;">Swimming - each class does lessons for half of the year</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="302 1139 1220 1331" style="width: 48%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Indoor - Gymnastics NT</p> <p>The learning focus for this unit is balance, overbalance, balancing on apparatus and sequence development. We will work over a series of lessons to develop and acquire skills and compositional ideas. We will also continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of health and fitness. The concluding skill will be to evaluate and improve our performance of the skills learned.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1220 1139 2136 1331" style="width: 48%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Indoor - Dance 1</p> <p>In this unit, we will work together to explore more complex dance ideas. We will learn about different dance styles and use the right language to discuss them. By the end, we'll be able to talk about various dance styles with understanding and perform with more creativity and expression.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="302 1331 1220 1458" style="width: 48%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Outdoor - Hockey</p> <p>In this unit, we will build on their previous QuickSticks Hockey unit to further develop our skills, competence and confidence in the sport of hockey. The culmination of this learning will be to develop game sense and apply it to small sided matches.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1220 1331 2136 1458" style="width: 48%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Outdoor - Tag Rugby</p> <p>In this unit, we will focus on strategies for attacking and defending in sports, improving complex skills at speed. We will observe and analyse performances, both individually and as a team. Additionally, we will plan and lead warm-up exercises in small groups to prepare for physical activity.</p> </div> </div>	

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<p>PSHE</p>	<p>One World</p> <p>In this unit on global citizenship, we will explore key issues such as human rights, climate change, energy use, water conservation, biodiversity, and protecting the environment. We will focus on understanding the causes and impacts of climate change and global warming, and examine how humans use and sometimes misuse the world's natural resources.</p>	<p>Think Positive</p> <p>In this unit, we will explore strategies around mental wellbeing, mindfulness and growth mindset. It also teaches about having a positive attitude, resilience and self-regulation. It will help us to boost our mental health, by learning useful techniques and strategies to help us feel good.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>What can I learn about Religious Diversity in our area?</p> <p>In this unit we will learn about different religions, exploring their beliefs, practices, and festivals. We will discover the variety of religions in our local area, gaining insights into how different faiths are practiced and celebrated.</p> <p>What can we find out about the Muslim community?</p> <p>We will explore the different religions in their local community, learning about beliefs, places of worship, and practices. We will discuss values like respect and tolerance and visit religious sites to understand how these faiths are expressed in our area.</p>	<p>What do the gospels tell us about the birth of Jesus?</p> <p>We will compare the birth stories of Jesus from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, focusing on key events. We will learn about the significance of these stories in Christianity and reflect on their meanings.</p>
<p>Trips/Visits</p>	<p>Climbing Wall - English/PE/PSHE</p> <p>Nissan - DT / STEM - Monozokuri Caravan workshop</p> <p>Class library visits</p>	<p>Great North Museum - Evolution Workshop - Science</p> <p>Class library visits</p> <p>Christmas pantomime</p> <p>Carol Service - St Georges Church</p>