



Year 6 - During this term our theme is 'How has crime and punishment changed through the ages?'



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English	This half term, we will be reading the children's novel 'Skellig' by David Almond. Skellig is an emotive tale revolving around strong themes of nurture, the value of friendship, trust and love. This novel, which is both beautiful and haunting, launched David Almond as one of the best children's writers of today. We will also be producing a piece of writing using video literacy as the stimulus; we will be writing both a setting description as well as a different viewpoint narrative.	Encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and to share what they have read with the class. Please encourage your child to log onto 'myON' at home on a daily basis. Remind them that they are able to take quizzes on the books they read as they are linked to their school 'Accelerated Reader' account.
History 'How has crime and punishment changed through the ages?'	Following the completion of the Geography topic where the children have discovered some of the many ways in which the world around them is changing, we will be moving onto our next History topic, where they 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.	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.
Science 'Evolution and Inheritance'	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 you can collate. Why not use DK findout! to research Charles Darwin and see what you can find out! https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/famous-scientists/charles-darwin/
Religious Education 'Justice and Freedom'	Children will read a range of stories, from different world religions, examining the concepts of justice and freedom. They will learn how key figures in history such as Martin Luther King and Aung San Suu Kyi were informed and influenced by their own religious beliefs. They will examine the impact of different religious and non-religious ideas about the formation of the Non-Violent Protest and Human Rights Movements.	There is plenty of information about the key historical figures that we will be learning about online – your child could research one of them and present this information creatively to share with their class.

Physical Education (Year 6 PE days are Thursday and Friday)	This half term we are privileged to welcome a PE coach to Northwood who will deliver a 5-week block of Net & Wall Skills (Tennis, Badminton and Squash) to our Year 6 classes during their Thursday (outdoor) PE session. Should the weather permit, we plan to make use of our fantastic sports field and complete strike and fielding games (Cricket).	Why not try some Yoga; there are lots of videos on https://www.cosmickids.com/ where the instructor will complete short, interactive and fun Yoga sessions for all ages and levels of flexibility!
Computing	We will be introducing and learning to use a new web-based, computer aided drawing programme called 'SketchUp' where we will create 3D models and images.	Oak Academy also has a fantastic range of Computing lessons which will supplement your child's learning in school.
French	The children will be continuing with their work based on visiting a French town this half-term. The children will apply previous skills and knowledge such as places in a town, directions, homes and numbers to develop their speaking and listening abilities. The unit includes lots of opportunities for using songs, stories, art and drama to make the learning fun, engaging and memorable.	Practise using the French vocabulary learnt in school at home. Can your child teach anyone any new French words or phrases? Your child could choose a French town to research and create a piece of work to share with others.
Music 'You've Got A Friend'	Music lessons this half-term will all be focused around the song 'You've Got A Friend' by Carole King. The children will use an integrated approach to music, where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked.	Access Durham Music Service using: https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/15minsofmusic '15mins of Music' videos are available to watch live and join in with.
Art	This half-term we will be creating art work around our class text, 'Skellig'. We will be using a variety of mediums to create quality art work that shows progression in skills. The children will also have the opportunity to explore the work of the sculptor, Brancusi, and the paper designer, Richard Sweeney.	Your child could try using different art materials and techniques to showcase their learning so far this year. Your child could try sketching with pencils, drawing with colours or felt tips, painting or even making a sculpture or model. Let their imagination run wild!
Relationships Education	What is meant by a healthy relationships? We will be discussing key factors around and be able to recognise what constitutes a positive, healthy relationship and develop the skills to form and maintain positive and healthy relationships with a wide variety of people. We will also be discussing the fact that our actions affect us and other people.	Discuss positive relationships with family and friends and think about how to spot an unhealthy relationship.

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