



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – AUTUMN TERM – SECOND HALF

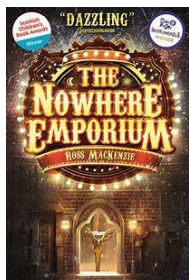
Year 6

A General Welcome and reminders

Our topic theme for this half term is called 'Britain's Got talent' It focuses on different talents within our class and a look at how people's talents are celebrated in the world of music, sport and other areas. It is also a very busy term, with the lead up to festivities in December. A reminder that brass instruments are required every Tuesday for their weekly music lesson and we will be rehearsing songs for Christmas. PE kits will be needed every Wednesday and Thursday.

English Overview

Our English units this half term are based around the text 'The Nowhere Emporium.' This magical story is perfect for building on the children's use of descriptive language and will really engage their imagination. They will be writing their own version linked to the story over the next few weeks. They will also look at a different text type and create a magazine page linked to the story.



Grammar focuses throughout the unit will be on:

- Create and punctuate complex sentences using 'ing' opening clauses.
- Blend action, dialogue and description within sentences and paragraphs to convey character and advance the action.
- Create complex sentences by using relative clauses with relative pronouns who, which and that.

Maths Overview

In Maths this half term, we continue to follow the Lancashire scheme for planning. We will focus on division (short and long forms of written methods), fractions, decimals, percentages, geometry, area and statistics. We ask that you continue to encourage your children to use TTRS on a regular basis to help reinforce their knowledge and rapid recall. They will also continue to rehearse mental skills with our Daily maths work and fluent five every morning when they come into school.



Science-

Light and Astronomy – How Light Travels

- Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines.
- Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.
- Explain that we see things because the light that travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.
- Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

Computing

Coding using Purple Mash- keep an eye out for tasks to complete at home.

Music/History

The children will continue with their weekly brass lesson alongside looking at the life of Benjamin Britten and his influences on music.

Religious Education

RE will look at the themes around Advent. We will consider the involvement of our own preparations in this period and discuss what and who we are preparing for.

Physical Education

This half term we will be covering tag Rugby within invasion games. As it is getting colder, please ensure that your child has an outdoor PE kit of jogging/tracksuit pants and a jumper and a coat for outdoor. We will aim to be out as much as possible.

PSHE

The theme is 'Valuing Differences' this will look at our individual interests, qualities and what makes me, me!

Art

Many artists have been inspired by music; Wassily Kandinsky made a whole series of paintings based on his reactions to music and produced perhaps the first true abstract paintings. Kandinsky is believed to have had synaesthesia, a harmless condition that allows a person to appreciate sounds, colours or words with two or more senses simultaneously. In his case, colours and painted marks triggered particular sounds or musical notes. He

Enrichment/School Trips

Grand- Pantomime

Author visit (TBC)

Our PE days are:

Wednesday and Thursday

Our Class Rainbow Value is:

Responsibility



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Week beginning 31st October

It has been a busy and fun first week back after half term. I hope you all enjoyed a bit of a break from the school run and made the most of the weather! I haven't much to say for this week and the main focus is the overview for the term above.

English: This week we started with writing a biography about their chosen celebrity. This carried on from the previous unit and allowed the children to use the research they had gathered. From there, we introduced our new text for this new unit- The Nowhere Emporium. I have been excited about covering this book as I think it is a great, entertaining story which offers some fantastic opportunities for writing.

Maths: The focus this week has been based around 'chunking' for division. The children have worked extremely well on this and I have been so impressed with the general level of understanding. There is some homework based on this on the MyMaths website. The children have brought home a reminder of their logins this weekend too.

RE: We introduced the topic of 'Advent' with RE this week. We discussed the meaning of this time of year and talked about how we can prepare for what is coming.

Brass: We started rehearsing songs for the brass concert that will form part of the Christmas Carol concert. I am still very impressed at how well the children are doing with their instruments.

Reminders:

PE kits- children can now bring in some outdoor PE kit as the weather is getting much cooler.

Parents Evening- You should have or will be receiving a message to book a slot for Parents meetings. These will take place throughout the day of Wednesday 16th November. It is a chance to discuss how your child has settled in and also an opportunity for me to meet some of you that I haven't already had the pleasure of meeting.

Up coming dates:

Tues 8 th Nov	Bags2School Collection
Fri 11 th Nov	School Disco 6.15pm-7.15pm – KS1 7.30pm-9pm – KS2
Mon 14 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week – wear ODD Socks to school Reception Parents Meetings all day Life Education Bus in school today Odd Sock Day – children can wear odd socks today
Tues 15 th Nov	Year 3 and Year 4 Parents Meetings all day Life Education Bus in school today
Wed 16 th Nov	Year 5 and Year 6 Parents Meetings all day Flu Vaccinations in school all day



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Thurs 17 th Nov	Year 1 and Year 2 Parents Meetings all day
Fri 18 th Nov	Children in Need Day – wear something spotty
Thurs 24 th Nov	PTA Craft Fair in the evening
Fri 2 nd Dec	Year 1-6 Panto at The Grand in the morning Children's Christmas Fair in the afternoon
Wed 7 th Dec	KS1 Nativity at 2pm
Thurs 8 th Dec	2.30pm – Reception Christmas Play Musical Theatre performance at 4pm KS1 Nativity at 6pm
Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 13 th Dec	6.15pm – Carols by Candlelight for KS2
Wed 14 th Dec	Children's Christmas Lunch in school Rainbow Team Christmas Parties in the afternoon Children can wear party clothes to school today
Fri 16 th Dec	Break up for Christmas at normal time

Many Thanks

Mr Stell and Mrs Pallister