

WARWICK ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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House DISCOVERY



House ENDEAVOUR



House ENTERPRISE



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Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all our Year 6 pupils. We have an exciting half term planned ahead. We are looking forward to our London trip where we will be visiting the Natural History Museum, Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament.

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ENGLISH

Written by bestselling author, Saviour Pirotta, this fast-paced story is set in the Islamic Golden Age when Baghdad was the largest and most dazzling city in the world. Thirteen-year-old Jabir is hoping to save his family from being made homeless by finding work in Baghdad. Famished after his long journey to the city, Jabir is caught stealing bread and sent to prison. Luckily, one of the guards there notices that he has a gift for carving wooden models and he is released on the orders of the grand caliph Harun al Rashid himself. In return, Jabir must carve twelve golden horsemen, a gift from the caliph to the emperor Charlemagne. However, someone is determined to stop Jabir from completing the work and he will stop at nothing. Can Jabir and his friend Yasmina finish the horsemen or will Jabir be sent back to prison?

Our focus will be on conventional story writing - we will be working on 'showing, not telling', how and when to appropriately describe characters and settings and looking at different ways we can make our writing cohesive. We will also be building on integrating dialogue and advanced punctuation correctly.

MATHS

In this half term's units, children will draw on their understanding of number and place value in order to calculate with decimals. They will learn to multiply and divide decimals by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000; convert between fractions and decimals; and multiply and divide decimals by whole numbers. The learning from this unit will support their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, and how they are related.

Children will also learn a range of strategies to find percentages of amounts. They will then apply these strategies to convert between percentages, decimals and fractions. They will develop their understanding throughout the unit and ultimately use their knowledge to solve related puzzles and multi-step problems.

Finally, children will generalise mathematical concepts and problems, representing them algebraically as expressions, formulae and equations. They begin by finding rules that govern number patterns. They will represent the rules they find using pictures and abstract written recording, using letters to represent variables within a sequence. They will solve equations using algebraic notation. They will begin with one-step equations, move on to two-step equations where there is one solution, and then solve equations with multiple solutions.



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

In our 'Great British Dishes' topic, we will explore some sweet and savoury national dishes of England, Scotland and Wales, before moving on to developing an understanding of how cuisines have influenced what is eaten in Britain today. We will practise how to plan and shop for our own meals!

READING

Year 6 children have the opportunity to change their library book and banded book every Monday. Please leave a comment in your child's reading record to say how easy or difficult they are finding the text and whether they can answer questions.

Additional reading materials is available on Bug Club as homework. Please read with your child

PE

In this Athletics unit, children will have the opportunity to develop their existing running, jumping and throwing skills as well as learn new skills. They will be running for speed and endurance as well as recapping on relay running, including the baton exchange and running over hurdles. Children will be given opportunities to take part in individual, paired and group activities and games.

FRENCH

Le passé et le présent (Then and now)

In this unit, we will learn to describe places in a town and compare modern-day settlements with those in the late 1940s. We will revise and learn adjectives and new places in a town. Then, we will apply this knowledge to help us understand texts about towns in France.

SCIENCE

In this unit, pupils will explore the classification of living things, including micro-organisms. Children will build on their work in Year 4 by sorting animals into groups based on their similarities and differences. They will extend their learning to find out about the standard system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus, choosing an animal and researching its classification. Pupils will have the opportunity to design their own 'curious creature' and classify it based on its characteristics. They will learn about micro-organisms, and conduct an investigation into the growth of mould on bread. Furthermore, the children will use play dough to create a new single celled micro-organism and explain how it is classified and why. Finally, pupils will put their learning into practice by creating a field guide to the living things in their local area, showing how and why each one is classified.

GEOGRAPHY

In this unit, our geographers will explore types of biomes around the world. Biomes are a way to categorise the Earth's surface. They will learn to locate and label different biomes on a map, as well as comparing and contrasting. Using their knowledge of biomes and human processes, children will be able to draw conclusions on why humans respond to conditions within a biome in specific ways.

RE

Our topic this term is 'What Do Christians Believe About Jesus' Death and Resurrection?' We will explore how Christians understand the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection and explore in detail the events that occurred during Holy Week.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic for this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'. In this unit, children will be able to identify strengths and set challenging but realistic goals for themselves. They will be able to recognise the steps they need to take to achieve these goals. Children will also suggest ideas on how they can push themselves to make the world a better place.

COMPUTING

Using 2Blog, this unit will give children a basic understanding of how to plan, create and present their own blog. They will look at different types of blogs and consider what makes them appealing to readers.

MUSIC

This term our focus will be around one song from Benjamin Britten's Friday Afternoons: A New Year Carol. The children will have the opportunity to research Benjamin Britten's life and to listen to many of his other works.