

Year 5/6



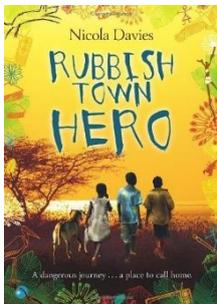
Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2017

Welcome to the first curriculum newsletter.

Our whole school topic is 'What a load of Rubbish'. This half term we will encourage the children to investigate, 'What has rubbish got to do with me?' and the following half term, 'How can we make one man's trash another man's treasure?' This will allow us to cover the history of rubbish, including some of the major advances made in recycling, and encourage the children to create and make items from recyclable materials, which they will sell through a business enterprise scheme. The children will investigate various items which they can make from recyclable materials, estimate costs and create advertising.

To immerse the children in this topic and enhance their learning, we will visit Carymoor, which is an environmental centre. The children will have the opportunity to take part in an eye-opening tour of a working landfill site.

Literacy



In literacy our core text is 'Rubbish Town Hero,' by Nicola Davies. The book is about a boy, who lives on a dumpsite in a Rubbish Town with his sister. The children will be producing several different text types relating to the story. They will be given opportunities to write diary entries, letters, newspaper reports, promotional leaflets, descriptive writing and explanation texts. In addition to this, we will also base our writing on other curriculum areas. For instance, we are currently writing an instruction leaflet on 'How to make a litterbug'.

Maths

This term in maths lessons we will be focusing on securing number facts and looking at multiplication and division. Also we will continue to develop children's ability to explain their reasoning and discuss the methods they use to calculate their answers. All children are encouraged to learn their tables by heart so that they



can answer questions at random rather than counting through a times tables to reach an answer. The children are tested on their times tables each week.

Science



The science lessons will be focused around, 'Materials and their properties'. The children will carry out experimental and investigative work focusing on making observations and comparisons and drawing conclusions. Where possible, learning will be linked to the topic, looking at recyclable materials.

Religious Education

In our R.E. sessions, we will be learning about beliefs looking at how they affect the choices we make and what does it mean to belong to a religion/belief system?

Physical Education

During this half term children will be taking part in basketball and dance. In basketball we will be learning about the rules of the game and developing our passing, shooting and dribbling skills. In dance we will be creating our own routines using a range of movements from our favourite sports, in addition to learning the infamous 'Haka'.

Music

In music Miss Ratcliffe will be continuing to teach the children to play the recorder and they will begin to be able to read music. They will also independently find out about a composer and create a fact sheet.

MFL

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of French through weekly lessons.



How you can help your child at home

We see our work as a partnership with you as parents/carers and encourage your support whenever possible. Please read with your child on a regular basis, practise tables and spellings with them, and if possible, use the internet and visit the library to help them research the

topic.

Best wishes from Mr Turner, Mrs Waters and Miss Lowe