

PUSCPS – LEARNING OVERVIEW

P6 – Term 2 (October - December)

The main focuses for learning this term will be:

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf and Our Solar System.

Literacy

Writing

Throughout term 2, the children will explore the different aspects of persuasive writing. The class will create a variety of persuasive texts including a speech, article and review. These will explore issues uncovered in Boy at The Back of the Class such as the importance of friendship and equality. The children will be encouraged to develop their own view which they will argue and justify using evidence collected from primary and secondary sources. The children will develop their note taking and planning skills which will be used to write a review of the book.

Spelling

Pupils will focus on patterns and common words that were identified as needing further consolidation during assessments and writing lessons.

Reading

During term 2 the children will be read the novel 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. The class will explore and discuss aspects of character, setting and plot. We will also explore and research the life of refugees. We will read articles and listen to videos about refugees and the important role acceptance, kindness and friendship plays in the promotion of equality. When reading articles, the children will be encouraged to consider when the author may be trying to influence and begin to differentiate between what is fact and what is opinion. Children will continue to develop their questioning and answering skills, using evidence from the text to support their views.

Listening & Talking

Children will be encouraged to develop and justify their opinion on particular issues across term 2. Through research and use of ICT, children will begin to use evidence in these discussions that support their stance. This will encourage pupils in P6 to respect views that may differ from their own.

Numeracy/Maths

Number Talks

Children will continue to develop the use of maths language and a variety of strategies during our Number Talks lessons. Our focus for term 2 is subtraction. Children will verbally share their answer and the strategy used. The class will work to identify the most efficient strategy.

Numeracy and Maths

Children will learn about number and place value, negative numbers up to -50 and locate them on a number line. We will also use a range of strategies to add and subtract decimal fractions up to 3 digits, and begin to multiply and divide these by 10 and 100.

In term 2, we will work with money to compare costs, budget and interpret sales information – this will be linked to Christmas shopping. 2D shapes will be revised, and then we will begin to investigate 3D shapes, angles, symmetry and parallel lines. Children will have the opportunity to create 3D nets and explore our environment to find these shapes and consider their properties.

Health and Wellbeing

Family and Friends

The class will explore how friends and families can be different in their dynamics. We will consider the importance of friendship and the impact our own actions and attitudes can have on our friendships. Pupils will also discuss a variety of scenarios where they will consider how they would support a friend in difficulty and share their opinion.

PE

This term we will be focussing on rebound games. Miss Walkingshaw will be leading PE on a Monday where she will be teaching Volleyball. Mrs McConville will be leading PE on a Thursday where she will be teaching Badminton.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Class Novel Study – The Boy at the Back of the Class

STEM – Space

The class will begin to explore their understanding of our solar system and develop a sense of time and scale. We will be learning about each planet and its properties including its size, distance from the sun and its length of day.



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and night. Pupils will create a model and leaflet of a chosen planet which will be presented to the class. When creating the leaflet and model, children will be able to collect information and measurements using appropriate devices and units. The data collected will then be presented in a range of tables and charts whilst incorporating the use of appropriate scientific vocabulary. Children will then be able to express informed views about scientific and environmental issues based on what they have learned and discovered.

Discrete subjects

Art

Children will use a variety of materials to create pieces of artwork such as a portrait of themselves and a refugee, a model sculpture of their topic and a poster. They will also create a model of space – considering the shape, properties and distances between the planets.

Drama

Pupils in the class will each have an opportunity to act out scenes from the class novel. They will be able to adapt these scenes, considering different views and scenarios that may have taken place instead.

Technologies

Using ICT, pupils will research various topics, record our written speeches and participate in class quizzes. Children will also build a 'Merge cube' from a paper net and use appropriate apps to further their understanding of space.

RME

Mrs McConville will be exploring different celebrations and festivals around the world relating to the time of year.

Opportunities for personal achievement and involvement in the ethos and life of the school

Children will continue to receive house points for embodying our school values: respectful, nurturing and ambitious.

Other information

PE days this term are a Monday morning and Thursday morning.

Mrs McConville will teach the class on a Thursday morning for non-class contact time.

Please refer to the P6 homework grid for Term 2 activity choices.