Year 6

Topic Web

Autumn Term 2

English





This term, our class book is Twitch by M. G. Leonard. Twitch is the first book in The Twitchers — a mystery adventure series that celebrates friendship, bravery, and the incredible world of birds. The story follows a birdwatching detective called Twitch.

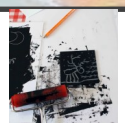
Throughout the term, we will explore the author's intent and its impact on the reader using a range of approaches, including text marking, language analysis, and Role on the Wall. They will also produce a variety of written outcomes, such as a balanced argument, a news report, a short narrative, and poetry.

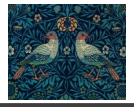
Topic - The Galapagos Islands



In Geography, we will compare three contrasting settlements (Oxford, UK; Puerto Ayora, Galapagos Islands; Tuktoyaktuk, Canada) by investigating their environments, land use, weather and future challenges. This will give the children the opportunity to develop their human and physical geography knowledge, as well as their fieldwork and mapping skills.

Art and Design





We will develop our drawing skills and work with lino printing. We will look at the work of William Morris, M C Escher and local lino print artist, Sally-Anne Stewart.

PSHCE



Year 6 will be going on a trip to the Junior Citizens Trust. Here, the children will experience different safety scenarios and have the opportunity to practise making a (pretend) 999 telephone call. For the rest of the term, we will work on an entrepreneurial project for the Winter Fair.

RE



The Big Question is: Is "God made Man" a good way to understand the Christmas story? We will put the Nativity in context within the Old testament and examine the scriptures. We will explore Christian symbols at Christmas time and talk about the concept of incarnation. We will explore art work where the trinity is represented.

Music



We will start the term with a Jazz unit, focusing on two tunes (Bacharach Anorak and Meet The Blues) and have a go at improvising. Towards the end of term, we will sing Christmas carols.

PE



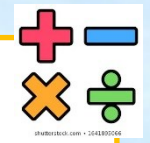
In Outdoor PE, we will develop our hockey skills. We will focus on passing and moving, tackling, shooting with accuracy, and developing tactical awareness.
In Indoor PE, we will focus on the Social cog of Real PE and practise dynamic and counter balances.

Computing

We will create websites for a chosen purpose, identifying key parts of good web design. Using Microsoft Sway, we'll design and evaluate our sites, focusing on copyright, media fair use, aesthetics, and navigation paths.

Maths



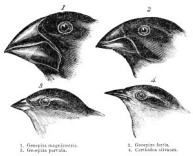


In our maths lessons, our focus topics for this term are:

1. Number: Fractions B (multiply fractions, divide fractions, fraction of an amount)
2. Measurement: Converting Units (metric measures, convert metric measures, imperial measures)
3. Statistics (line graphs, pie graphs, the mean)
4. Geometry: Position and Direction (read and plot points in four quadrants, translation and reflection)

We will complete an arithmetic test every week, and work on the areas we find tricky.
Early Work will be completing questions in our Mental Arithmetic books—this helps develop our fluency and use of mental maths strategies.

Science



In science we will study the work of Charles Darwin and think about how evidence from fossils can help to explain evolution. We will look at inherited characteristics and talk about how variation occurs in plants and animals, with reference to the Galapagos Islands. We will do practical activities to show some advantages of specific adaptations which may lead to evolution.

French



This term in French, we will recap the vocabulary of family members; the verb *être*; phrase structures including *Il s'appelle, il a x ans, il est, and il habite à*; and quantifiers *très, assez*. We will learn vocabulary for occupations. We will read short texts, translating key phrases, and practice our conversational skills. In the lead-up to Christmas, we will play French games and sing some songs.