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“Seeking Growth Together Through Jesus”

Subject	Overview	
Religious Education		This half term in Religious Education, Year 6 will explore key Christian beliefs through the theme 'Creation and Covenant'. Children will learn about covenants—agreements between God and people—through stories of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. They'll understand how the Ten Commandments guide moral choices and how Jesus taught that love is central to Christian living. Children will reflect on Catholic Social Teaching, which encourages fairness, kindness, and care for others, and explore how small acts of love and virtue help build a compassionate and thoughtful school community.
English		This half term, Year 6 will begin reading <i>Letters from the Lighthouse</i> by Emma Carroll, linking closely to our World War II history topic. Children will revise key reading skills, focusing on retrieval and skimming and scanning to navigate the text effectively. In writing, they will create a vivid setting description based on the Blitz, inspired by the novel, followed by a short narrative linked to a lighthouse-themed animation. Transcription skills, including spelling and handwriting, will continue to be a priority throughout the year.
Maths		This half term, Year 6 will begin their maths learning with a focus on place value, supported by daily revision of key arithmetic skills to build fluency. We're introducing Oak Academy resources to provide clear scaffolding and embed maths in meaningful contexts. Multiplication fluency remains a key priority, as rapid recall supports many areas of maths—please continue to encourage regular use of Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Calculation will be a major focus, ensuring children are confident and accurate before progressing to more complex reasoning tasks. This foundation is vital for deeper mathematical understanding.
Science		This half term in Science, Year 6 will be learning how living things are classified into broad groups based on their characteristics. Children will explore how vertebrates and invertebrates are grouped, and how scientists use similarities and differences to organise plants, animals, and micro-organisms. They'll investigate where different organisms fit within classification systems and discover what else is living beyond plants and animals. Children will even grow their own micro-organism to observe how life can exist in unexpected forms. The unit will end with a study of Carl Linnaeus and his lasting contribution to how we classify living things today.
History		This half term, Year 6 will be learning about the Second World War, focusing on the countries involved and how the conflict shaped the modern world. Children will explore the impact of the war on everyday life, the rise of global powers, and how its legacy continues to influence society today. They will also make links to Blackpool during WW2, discovering how our hometown contributed to the national effort and was affected by the war. Through this topic, children will develop a deeper understanding of historical change, resilience, and the importance of community during challenging times in history.
Art		This half term in Art, Year 6 will explore how drawing and making are closely connected. Children will learn how a two-dimensional surface can be transformed into a three-dimensional object through creative techniques. They will use elements such as line, shape, colour, pattern, and composition to develop their artwork, while practising methods like the grid technique and observing negative space to improve accuracy. Children will also investigate the challenge of turning flat drawings into 3D forms, using a mix of invention and logical thinking to solve design problems and bring their ideas to life.
French		In French, this half term the children will learn to talk and write in French about what they have or don't have in their pencil cases and school bags. They will build on grammar they've already learned, while exploring new vocabulary and practising how to say things in the negative form (e.g. "I don't have..."). By the end of the unit, children will be able to create short, independent sentences with growing confidence. This unit supports speaking and writing skills, helping children express themselves clearly and accurately in French through fun, practical classroom activities.
RHE & SGT		This half term in PSHE, Year 6 will explore <i>Me, My Body, My Health</i> , learning to celebrate differences and build an inclusive community. Children will reflect on self-confidence through understanding they are loved by God. They'll also learn about the physical changes during puberty and how to care for their bodies respectfully. Sensitive topics are approached appropriately. Every other week, children also take part in 'Picture News' sessions, exploring current world events and linking them to key British Values like respect and democracy.
PE		This half term in PE, Year 6 will focus on Athletics and Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS), aiming to master key physical techniques. Delivered by Blackpool Community Trust, sessions offer expert coaching and engaging activities. Alongside skill development, children will build resilience—learning to persevere, practise with purpose, and embrace challenges. This unit supports physical confidence and personal growth, preparing children for competitive sport and encouraging lifelong healthy habits.
Computing		This half term in Computing, Year 6 will focus on Internet Safety and how communication works online. Children will learn how data is transferred across networks in packets, how devices use addresses to access websites, and how different media can be shared. They'll explore safe ways to collaborate online, understand public vs. private spaces, and compare methods of digital communication. A key focus will be knowing when and how to share information responsibly, helping children stay safe and make informed choices online.
Music		This half term in Music, Year 6 will explore the theme of happiness by listening to and appraising uplifting songs like <i>Happy</i> by Pharrell Williams and <i>Walking on Sunshine</i> . Children will take part in activities such as singing, playing instruments, improvising, and composing. They'll develop their understanding of rhythm, pitch, and dynamics, and rehearse and perform the song—building confidence, creativity, and enjoyment through music that celebrates positivity and emotional expression.



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