



Shincliffe CE Primary School Home / School Links – Summer 2

During this half term the children in Year 6 will be looking at the following areas:

Curriculum Area	Content to be taught in school	Possible Activities to be completed at home
English	In English we will be consolidating our skills in writing, exploring explanation writing for a deadly creature! We will also be spending time creating poems and writing personal reflections about our time at Shincliffe. We will be reading Kensuke's Kingdom, investigating themes within a story and how characters are developed within a narrative. We will also be focusing on script writing and drama as we prepare for our Leavers' Assembly.	Hear your child read regularly and discuss themes and events within the story. Ask questions about characters and encourage them to predict what is going to happen next.
Maths	In maths we will be consolidating general number work including long division and long multiplication, algebra and calculator work ready for Year 7. Children will be applying their Maths skills to various problem solving activities related to Real Life Maths and Picture Maths.	Encourage your child to discuss the different projects and activities they are doing in Maths and how they are related to real life situations e.g. Bathroom Designs project – costing of materials, labour and equipment.
Science	This term, we will be learning about the theory of evolution and inheritance. We will explore how living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. We will begin to identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and learn that adaptation may lead to evolution.	Encourage children to ask questions about how living things are similar and different. Acknowledge and celebrate the differences. Help them to look at themselves and see how they have grown/changed e.g. looking at photos as they have grown or baby photos of themselves compared to siblings/parents. In relation to our previous topic on organisms, let children explore different species of animals and investigate how they have adapted to their environment.
Computing	In computing and digital literacy, we will be discussing transition-based issues in terms of use of phones, communication and social media as they move up to secondary school. We will discuss how to use technology safely. Linking to our History topic, we will use iPads to create an EBook about the Mayan civilisation and iMovie to create clips for our Leaver' Assembly.	Have discussions about Internet safety and what your child is learning about in lessons. Encourage children to talk about the different topics discussed in class and their own experiences.

RE	<p>In RE, we will reflect on their understanding of some of the beliefs and features of Christianity through the RE concepts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BELIEF in Christianity (God, Jesus, love, forgiveness) - AUTHORITY in Christianity and how this links to beliefs (Bible, Jesus) - EXPRESSIONS OF BELIEF in Christianity (worship, ritual, symbols) - IMPACT OF BELIEF in Christianity (e.g. through Christian attitudes of love and care for others). 	Ask your child what he or she is learning about. Discuss Christianity and the different beliefs and features in relation to the RE concepts.
Geography	Not covered this half term	
History	<p>In History, we will be exploring the Mayan civilisation and conducting research to create an EBook. We will investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How the civilisation developed over time - Where Mayans originated - City states and society - Culture and everyday life - Religion - Mayan calendar - The decline of the Mayans 	Encourage your child to ask questions and consider the validity of the research they do. Discuss what life would have been like living in that time.
PE	Children will continue to practise their skills in tennis, playing games with a partner. We will complete a unit focusing on athletics skills. Children will be given the opportunity to improve their individual scores in jumping, throwing and running at different distances.	Give your child the opportunity to practise some of their skills at home (if appropriate).
Music	We will learn about Carole King and listen to and learn some of her popular songs. We will explore music styles within this era and appraise these styles while identifying different instruments used. Year 6 will also be building on their ukulele skills with lessons from Mrs. Diment.	Listen to various styles of music and discuss the lyrics and different instruments used to make the audience feel different emotions. Encourage children to think about the type of music they enjoy and any styles or influences they can include in their own compositions.

Art/DT	In DT, we will continue with our felt hats and look at mechanisms when working on a problem solving activity outside.	Encourage your child to talk about their design and what they want their final piece to look like. Discuss how they have overcome any problems while sewing. Encourage them to discuss how they have solved problems and ideas they have come up with for their mechanisms task. Allow them to create their own mechanisms if time.
Proposed Educational Visit	Durham Y6 Leavers' Service (pupils only) KS2 Mini Olympics Y6 Leavers' Assembly Y6 Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church)	