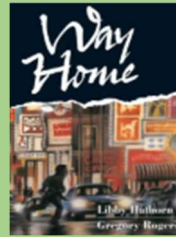


Our core text/s for this term:



Term 1

Year 6 Kingfisher Class

Our curriculum

Questions to ask your child:

What function does each part of a flower have?

Where did hip hop originate?

What questions would you have wanted to ask when the bones were discovered in ancient China?

Writing	Reading	Maths	Science
In writing we will be focusing on the book Oliver and the Seawigs and Way Home. They will focus on understanding the characters, their thoughts, feelings, the reasons behind their decisions, so they can write in role as these characters. Including their way of speaking and their thoughts and feelings in their writing. The class will also writing instructions linked to key ideas in the story. We will continue to focus on key SPaG targets linked to spelling, handwriting, grammar, and punctuation, using these to improve and develop our writing further.	In term 1, we will concentrate upon reading with understanding. There will be the opportunity to build our strategies for dealing with unfamiliar words through reading in context and reading with intent. We will be focusing on tone, expression and pace and ensuring that punctuation is being used to develop our reading for meaning. As part of our focus on fluency, we will use class discussions to ensure an understanding of what has been read, pulling out skills of retrieval, inference, prediction, and an understanding of author’s choices.	Place Value In maths, we will begin the term by looking at place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. We will be consolidating our understanding of how to read, write, order, and compare numbers up to 10,000,000 and determining the value of each digit. We will also revisit how to round a whole number appropriately focusing on whether a number should be rounded up or rounded down. We will also spend time expanding our knowledge of how to use negative numbers in context and calculate intervals across zero.	Living things and their habitats In the term we will learn about... - Life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects, birds - Life process of reproduction in some plants and animals - Functions of the different parts of the flower - Pollination Key vocabulary <i>insects, algae, moss, fern, conifer, bacteria, vertebrate/ non-vertebrate, taxonomy, arachnids, protists, crustaceans, millipedes, annelids, echinoderms, molluscs, coelenterates, dichotomous key, ginkgoes, angiosperms, microorganism, microbes, fungi</i>
RE	History	Art and DT	Other
What matters most to Christians and Humanists? In this investigation pupils will learn in depth from Christianity and from Humanism, a non-religious way of life. We will aim to answer the following questions; - How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter? - What can we learn from religions about deciding right and wrong? - Does religion help people to be good?	How did a pile of dragon bones help to solve an ancient Chinese mystery? The 500 years of the Shang Dynasty is of great significance in a number of ways. In particular, they mark the beginning of recorded history in China. Nothing survives that was written on parchment or papyrus, but hundreds of thousands of inscribed animal bones and tortoise and turtle shells (known today as oracle bones) remain. Who do these provide an insight into the life of? The wealthy or the ordinary commoners?	We will investigate the Shang bronze manufacturing process and amazing Shang bronze vessels. We will also create our own vessels and set up our own museum to explain how bronze vessels were made in the Shang period; write museum labels and information boards and make presentations to visitors to our classroom.	PSHE In PSHE we will be focusing on being an ‘influencer’. In particular building relationships with our new buddies in Year R. Computing In computing we will be looking at programming and variables in games. MFL - Spanish Revision of key phrases and expanding our knowledge of vocabulary related to ourselves. Music In Music we will be focusing on – Hip Hop. Guided by artist-led videos, students will explore the genre’s unique elements while composing their own Hip Hop-inspired piece.