



Topic Learning Letter

Year Six

<p>Topic</p>	<p>This term our topic will be split into two parts: 'Journeys' and 'This is our Greatest Show'. 'Journeys' looks at the topics of Evolution and Inheritance in science and the journey that Darwin made to the Galapagos Isles ago alongside the journey that the Buddha made to find enlightenment. We shall then turn our attention closer to home and look at the how trade has contributed to the success of Saffron Walden. Towards the end of these topics, we will start to look at the journey that the children have made throughout their primary education and start to look forward to the next key stage. This will culminate in our final topic 'This is our Greatest Show' with hopefully a live production and Leavers' Assembly.</p>
<p>Launch and Land</p>	<p>We will launch our Science learning about Evolution and Inheritance with a visit to the Zoology and Sedgewick Museums in Cambridge. The children's journey through KS2 will land with a celebration of their time at Katherine Semar at their Leavers' Assembly on the last day of school.</p>
<p>Trips</p>	<p>Alongside our visit to the Cambridge Museums, we will also be visiting the Buddhist Temple in Cambridge. After half term we will attend Crucial Crew to learn about various PSHE issues that affect young people before escaping to France for the day. Finally, we always have great fun on the High Ropes at Great Notley Country Park – it is a fabulous celebration of the year.</p>
<p>English</p>	<p>We are focusing on revisiting and applying the complex punctuation and written grammar techniques that we have learned about over the Juniors into a variety of non-fiction and fiction pieces of writing, whilst building stamina and content. We will be working on controlling the level of formality of their writing through manipulating the grammar and vocabulary that they use. We will develop our note taking skills to write a non-chronological report about Emperor penguins, linked to our Science focus on adaptation. The children will be writing their own version of Macbeth this term. Furthermore, we will also be learning how to write a balanced argument as well as revisiting and developing their use of the appropriate form with a range of other fiction and non-fiction text types.</p> <p>We will continue reading for pleasure every afternoon and at the moment the children are enjoying Can You See Me? By Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott. In guided reading we are developing the children's written comprehension skills, focusing on the different types of questions that they have to answer and developing responses which require them to use evidence from the text to support their response.</p> <p>English homework this term will practise and revise the range of grammar and punctuation taught across the Juniors.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/pandas-non-chronological-report-b43a</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>This term we will ensure that we have covered the remaining elements of the curriculum whilst also revisiting areas that we believe the children will benefit from consolidating before moving into KS3. This is particularly key with areas that may have suffered during the two national lockdowns. Towards the middle of the second</p>

	<p>half of term, maths will be far more investigative with the children given the opportunity to apply their learning in different concepts.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/fractions-8ae5</p>
Science	<p>In science we will learn about Evolution and Inheritance. We will look in detail at how living things adapt to their environment in order to be able to survive and reproduce. We will learn all about Charles Darwin's voyage aboard the Beagle and the discoveries that he made, especially in the Galapagos Archipelago.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/adaptations-91bc</p>
Geography/History	<p>Our joint history and geography topic this term looks at trade both across far flung ancient trade routes in Asia to that used closer at home with both the wool and saffron trade to build our own town.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/local-fieldwork-6adb</p>
Design and Technology / Art	<p>In art we will create our own pop art in the style of Andy Warhol, as well as mind binding mathematical art in the style of Escher, whilst channelling our inner chefs in DT as part of our enterprise project.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/digital-new-media-6af8</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/cooking-and-nutrition-celebrating-culture-and-seasonality-4416</p>
Music	<p>Much of our music and drama will be centred on the Leavers' Production and Assembly. More information about these will follow in due course.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/beat-pulse-rhythm-structure-7417</p>
PSHE	<p>We will continue to follow the Jigsaw scheme of work in PSHE and our theme is 'Relationships and Changing Me'. Subjects covered will include transition to secondary school, loss and grief, changing bodies in puberty and how a baby grows and develops from conception through to birth. We will provide you with further details of the content matter that the children will be learning about in due course.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/keeping-safe-2054</p>
RE	<p>The children will explore the life and teaching of the Buddha and the importance of following the Noble Eightfold Path that leads to enlightenment.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p>

	https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/buddhism-b64a
PE	The children will return to weekly swimming lessons this half term and will also continue to have their weekly PE lessons with the sports coaches. This term they will be taught athletics, rounders and cricket.
Computing	<p>This half term the children will be learn about the feature of websites and they will design and create their own website and develop the content for it, which will link to one of our Year 6 topics.</p> <p>Home Learning Link</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/web-page-creation-0205</p>
Reminders	The formal assessments, SATs, will take place week beginning 9 th May. More information will follow in due course.