

TERMS 5&6

Year 6 – Mr Biddlecombe and Mrs Tantrige

Topic for the Term: Maafa



Maafa is the title of our new topic. We will learn about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. Our topic traces the development of the slave trade and explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.

Experience:

The class will participate in a Learn with the Lords online session. This unique experience will provide pupils with a valuable opportunity to learn about the work of the House of Lords, including its role in shaping UK law and government. Students will engage directly with a member of the House of Lords, ask questions, and gain a deeper understanding of the legislative process and the importance of democracy.

Class text

Linked to our topic, we will be reading 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson which tells the story of a slave boy Nat, shipped to England from a Jamaican plantation in 1783.

Science:

This term our Science work will focus on the circulatory system. We will learn about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and their primary functions. We will learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body. The class will have the experience of dissecting an animal heart, which will give them an opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting.

Homework

- ◆ Please read with your child at least 5 times a week and sign their Reading Record.
- ◆ Learn the weekly spellings, the focus of which will be the year 5/6 common exception words and the Year 5 and Year 6 spelling rules. The spelling test will take place on Friday of each week unless specified otherwise.
- ◆ Completing the **ASPIRE** homework sheet. This is one piece of homework per week as laid out on your child's homework timetable. It does not matter which order the homework is completed in.
- ◆ Complete the Reading and Maths work in preparation for SATs. This will be set on a Friday and is due on the following Wednesday.



Uniform / PE Kit / Library Day

This term, PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday, please ensure your child arrives in their PE kit. They will need their jogging bottoms/ shorts and t-shirts/ hoodies as well as suitable footwear for outdoor games.