English

Class 6 will begin the spring term by writing mystery stories of their own. This will involve the engagement of readers and development of characters within a story. We will then move on to our next class novel, John Boyne's 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. We will also cover various punctuation, grammar, handwriting and spelling objectives as we strive to meet our individual writing targets.

RE

Our RE learning this term focuses on how religious beliefs impact upon our behaviours and attitudes. We will also be looking at the events of holy week as we lead up to Easter.

Languages

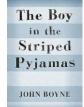
We will be continuing our French studies with a unit of work on features of towns. We will be writing our very first French paragraph as we describe a journey to school.

History/Geography

Our geography focus this half term will be studying the country of Canada. We will look at the continent of North America in our non-European study. After half-term, our history focus will be based around our local community and the 90th birthday of our school.

Art/DT

Our artwork continues this year with some still life work as we work on our observational drawing and watercolour work.



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Science

We will be looking at units of work on states of matter and reversible/irreversible change before a unit on electricity. We will be designing our own investigations based on questions we would like to answer as we stretch our investigative skills.

Maths

This year we are focusing on quick methods of calculation in all four operations. We will also cover fractions, decimals and percentages in detail as we look to extend our number knowledge. We will be covering coordinates and how to use them effectively to translate, reflect and rotate shapes. We will also be working weekly on our individual mental maths targets to be able to recall maths facts quickly and confidently.

We will turn our attention to gymnastics and dance this half term as we work towards our annual dance festival in school. Our dance performance will also be taken to the Primary Dance Festival in Durham's Gala Theatre in March.

ICT

We will be celebrating internet safety day in February by looking at how to stay safe online as we work on app development throughout the spring and summer terms.

Music

Year 5 will continue their brass tuition and work towards the 'mini Durham miners' gala' in the summer. As a class we will continue to work on BBC's ten pieces to broaden our skills.