

Burley and Woodhead - Year 6

We are curators



It's hard to believe that the majority of the world has only been 'discovered' within the last 500 years. We owe our knowledge of the world to the brave men and women who set out from their homes as explorers. During the Autumn Term, Year 6 shall be curators as we build our own museum dedicated to the western exploration of the world and how our knowledge of the world was developed during this time.





History

The Tudor Age of Exploration - how did our knowledge of the world change? What effect did this have on life in back home?

The settlement of North America - what impact did the European explorers have on the Native Americans and their way of life?

Computing

Computer Science - a collaborative coding project in which the children will design an exploration based game or app and create guides to explain how they work.

Design Technology

Textiles - create a satchel that could have been used by an explorer.

Global Learning

Is it ok to claim ownership over things you 'discover'? Who owns the rights to the natural world?

Science - half term one

Our bodies - would we be fit and healthy enough to be an explorer? What did explorers do during Tudor times in order to promote good health and how is that different to now?

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Drama

How would you react to new people entering your community? What changes would they cause and how would the community react?

Science - half term two

Light - an exploration of how light travels and how this was used by explorers to enable them to see objects at a distance and light different areas of their ships.

Geography

North America - how was North America settled? Why were settlements built in specific places? What impact did this have on the local population?

Art

Native American artwork - what kind of artwork did the early explorers of North America find? What did this tell them about the Native American tribes? Following their ideas about art, what could we create today?





English

Our main text for half term one shall be "The Undiscovered Islands" by Malachy Tallack. It contains a range of tales about islands that were once believed to be real but, through exploration, have been proven to be the products of imagination. In half term two, we shall look at a range of texts around Pocahontas and explore the alternative stories around this historical figure.

Maths

A study of our number system and the four operations will form the main focus of our study for half term one. We shall secure our understanding of calculation and the methods we can use to solve a range of different problems. Half term two will see us move into fractions, decimals and percentages. As always, we shall teach maths by developing our skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

Religious Education

As part of our studies on the Tudors, we shall learn about the formation of the Church of England and its history.

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French

This half term will focus on conversational French and a full review of the skills we have developed in our language education thus far.

PSHE - Learning Me and Global Me

We shall use the first half term to remind ourselves about how we learn and how we can maximise the effectiveness of our learning. In half term two, we shall think about our place in the world and how we can have a positive impact on it.

Music

Our genre of study will be Rock. We shall be developing our ability to critically listen to music and perform pieces. We will also be composing pieces of our own to perform.

PE

Half term 1 - we shall be beginning our PE this year with football, in preparation for the Year 6 football leagues and hockey. During the second half term, this will change to team games and yoga.





Outcomes

Across the term, there shall be many different learning outcomes - far too many to list them all here - but we shall be building our own museum to display the following:

A fully functioning and debugged exploration based game or app with an accompanying guidebook.

Improved map reading skills, including the use of digital mapping software, as we track the journeys of Tudor explorers and explore the different regions of North America.

A range of creative and descriptive writing about the various islands that were once thought to be hidden away in various places around our world.

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A guide for how to keep ourselves healthy in the modern world including information about both exercise and diet and their effects on our bodies.

A well made and useable satchel which has been designed to carry a range of different things. Some many include different compartments.

Various pieces of Native American artwork including dreamcatchers, totem poles and other creative painting.

An improved understanding of how the world was 'discovered' including an exploration of the impact that explorers and settlers had on the native communities.





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At home, you could talk about:

- different countries of the world that you have been to and how those areas compare to the UK,
- different cultures that you have encountered and how these are different to our own,
- things that you do to keep healthy and ensure you are in good physical condition.

At home, you could read:

- non-fiction texts about Tudor life to find out interesting information and share this in class,
- atlases and other maps looking at different areas of the world discovered by the Tudors,
- stories set during the Tudor times in order to improve knowledge of Tudor life and compare this to our lives now.



At home, you could create:

- a portrait in the style of the portraits of Tudor kings and queens,
- a video of effective exercises to keep your body healthy,
- a model of a ship using different materials and test whether it will float.

At home, you could write:

- a fact file about life on a ship and how people kept themselves healthy,
- a descriptive piece about finding yourself in a new and mysterious land,
- a letter to one of the famous explorers to ask him about his life and experiences.

At home, you could watch/listen to:

- BBC education audio clips about Tudor explorers such as the Elizabethan settling of Roanoke,
- age appropriate videos about Tudor sailors and explorers hosted on YouTube.

