

Year 6 Autumn term - Learning excerpts: Amazing Discoveries

English

This half term we have been studying the novel 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio. Throughout this unit we have enjoyed exploring the main character, August, who has a severe facial disfigurement. The story follows his struggles as he begins middle school. Through the media of drama, we have explored the characters of the story and their interactions with each other. This has inspired us to write from the perspectives of different characters and we have learned to change the tone of our writing based upon who was speaking. Following this we wrote a review of the story with the main purpose to persuade others to read the story.



After half term we will be studying mysteries.

This will involve creating our own narratives with the purpose to create a tense atmosphere within our writing. We will be exploring the visual texts of 'Road's End' and 'Alma' and following this we will turn these into written narratives and then explore a section of the text 'Coraline' by Neil Gaiman to help us write our own short story.



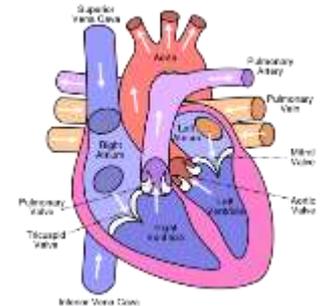
Throughout this unit we will also explore the features of newspaper articles and informational texts to create our own unique examples centred around famous mysteries.

Maths

This half term we are having a heavy focus on number! This involves working with larger numbers up to (and beyond) 10 million, negative numbers, fractions and decimals. A major focus will be on our ability to reason mathematically and solve problems. We really enjoy challenges in maths lessons and have been working hard on developing our reasoning skills.

Science

In science we have been exploring our circulatory system. This has involved investigating how our heart pumps blood around the body. We will be closely exploring the various parts of our circulatory system and how they interact with the respiratory and digestive systems. We will study how fluids are transported around the body as well as the impact of lifestyle on our bodies.

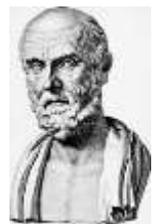


Topic

This term our key question is: 'Why are we healthier and why do we live longer lives than people in the past?' Throughout this unit we are exploring the history and development of medicine in Britain. This is helping us to develop our chronological skills and key historical objectives. We are using a range of primary and secondary sources to explore what medicine and health was like within



different time periods and using our historical enquiry skills to explore continuity, progress and change throughout time periods. Towards the end of the unit we will be presenting our own ideas to the question: 'who was the most influential figure in the development of medicine?'



Art

Look at our fantastic artwork inspired by the novel 'Wonder'. We built a picture of the main character August using words to describe his personality, feelings and character.

