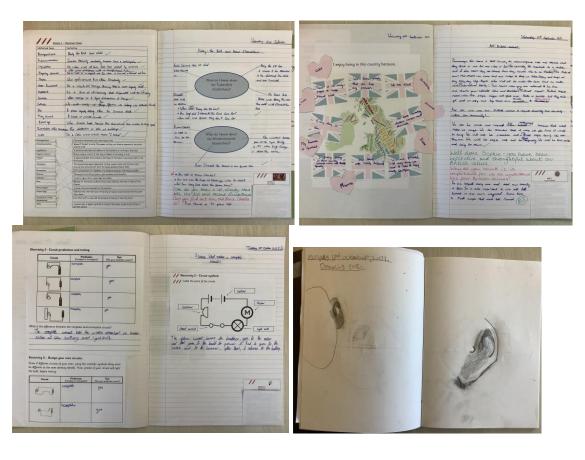
AUTUMN 2021 CURRICULUM SUMMARY FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

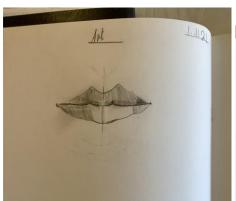
Topic: The Second Elizabethans

Our topic this term is 'The Second Elizabethans'. We have been exploring the significance of the Tudors upon Britain today, including the English Reformation and the enduring legacy of Queen Elizabeth I. In our art sessions, we have been studying sketching techniques, such as the proportions of the face and individual facial features, to develop portraiture skills, leading towards creating our own Tudor portraits.

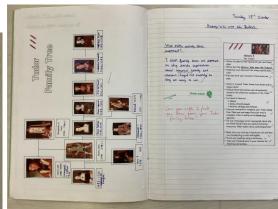
Through our geography sessions, we have been developing our use of maps, atlases and compass bearings, linking both to our local area and Tudor exploration. In RE, we have been reflecting on the overarching question of 'Why do Hindus try to be good?' as we explore the concepts of moksha, dharma and reincarnation.

In our science lessons, we have been developing our scientific thinking, applying our knowledge of electricity to create our own enquiries into which variables affect the brightness of a bulb in a circuit.





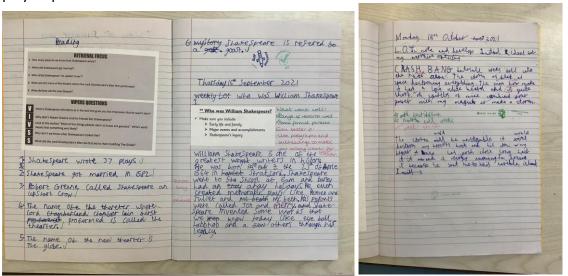




English: Write Like a Playwright

We have drawn on our Tudor topic to focus on the works of Shakespeare this term. In the first half of the autumn term, we developed our understanding of the context of Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre, alongside familiarising ourselves with the stories of Romeo and Juliet, and The Tempest. To do this, we spent time making predictions based on introductory scenes, developing our skills as performers and exploring Shakespeare's use of language. This was then brought together to create a product of a Tempest-style narrative, with a focus on developing setting, character and atmosphere. In the second half of term, we are moving on to study Macbeth. Many of our children are currently working with Mr Boult, as part of the Shakespeare for Schools festival, where our filming project is based on Macbeth. Over the course of this half of term, we will be creating our own expositions, stage

We have been fortunate enough to arrange a visit to a local theatre, where we will have the opportunity to explore behind the scenes and experience the feeling of standing on stage, ahead of creating our own playscripts.



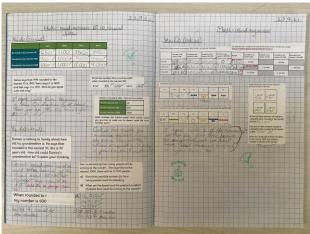
directions and dialogue, to form our own version of Act 4, Scene 1.

In reading, we are promoting 'reading for pleasure' through our Tri-reading Tournament challenge and whole book study sessions. This is enabling pupils to be guided in their reading selections whilst having access to quality texts, building stamina, daily.

Maths: Place Value and Core Calculations

This term, there is an emphasis on securing understanding of place value and developing speed and accuracy within core calculations. We have continued to use White Rose mastery resources as a starting point for teaching and learning, with all teachers adapting this to best suit the children in their class group. A mastery approach is being applied to all teaching and learning in mathematics this year, in line with the 5 Big Ideas from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics. Our weekly programme includes mental arithmetic activities and challenges, retrieval tasks, problem solving activities and familiarisation with vocabulary.



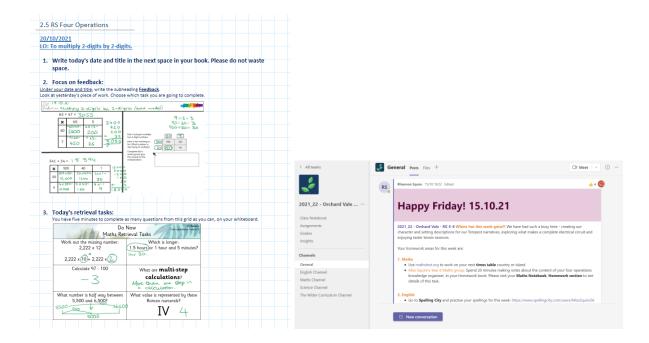


SEND

We have continued to develop our pre-key stage provision in year 5 and 6 to allow all children to access the correct curriculum. We are now in our third phase of development, with Miss Knight supporting year 5s within Mrs Rana/Ms Richardson's class and Miss Passmore supporting year 6s within Miss Squire's class, including the use of the Fresh Start phonics programme.

Developing Home Learning: A Continuation of Teams

We have continued to develop our blended learning platform, continuing to include Teams and One Note in our daily practice. This ensures that pupils can access their learning from home and school, can develop homework and home learning, building carefully on their lessons and learning in school. This has ensured consistency and progress for all pupils, across the year.



Enrichment:

Alongside our curriculum strategy implemented in year 5/6 this year, we have developed our enrichment program to ensure continual growth and access to different experiences for all children. Some of these events have included:

- Cross country at a local secondary school
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Forest School
- Visits to a local theatre
- Visits to a local cinema
- Swimming lessons
- School council-run tuck shop



