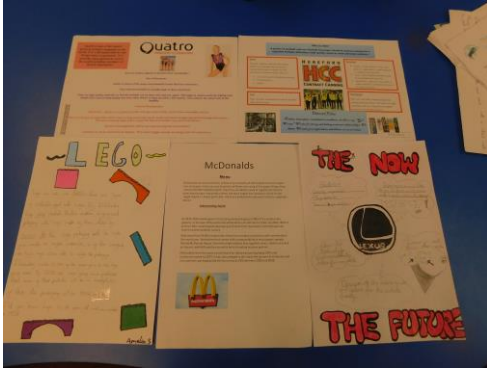


# Year 6 Curriculum Update

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Values: Fairness & Tolerance



### "Global Warning"

Having completed some very interesting homework on how different companies are becoming more sustainable, we have now finished looking at this geography focused theme in class. I am delighted with the values that they have shown in how they think about our environment and understand the role that they have in creating a better world. As the famous song says, "the children are the future"!

### "Forest School"

Over the last two sessions, the children have been designing and starting to build "invertebrate installations" at our Forest School site to incorporate their learning from before Christmas regarding the eco-diversity of the area. Working in small groups, they researched the different materials that they could use to attract specific invertebrate and then decided where on the site they would erect the installation. On Wednesday, they used tools and their newly acquired lashing skills (following a short session with Mrs Chapman) to start to construct their designs and we were all extremely impressed with the determination, responsibility and positive attitude that the children showed throughout the session. It really was a wonderful day, from beginning to end.



### **Maths**

As mathematicians, the class have completed some very challenging work on ratio and algebra since returning to school. As a class, they are becoming more confident in working through questions and they were able to use the language and strategies of ratio with confidence, which is an extremely useful skill. Algebraic expressions, formulas and equations have created lots of discussions this week, even, I believe, causing a little bit of excitement on the What's App group!

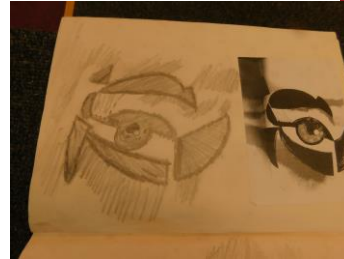
The children will all be completing some fun activities to further develop their application of algebra with Miss Hirst during Friday Focus sessions.



### English

As writers, the children have completed some wonderful work inspired by their class book, *Tyger* by A F Said. Having listened to and discussed the first chapter, the class then wrote the beginning of Chapter 2. To their surprise, Mr Batstone tweeted the author to explain what they had done and we received a lovely reply, saying that he would be delighted to see some of their work.

The writing is now edited, written in neat and the children have been practicing their drawings, based on the illustrations within the book by Dave McKean. They will be using different mediums next week to develop these for their final piece, which we send to the author.



### National Holocaust Memorial Day

As historians, we have briefly reflected on the treatments of Jews during this horrific period by looking at one of the short videos available on the CBBC Newsround channel. The children listened respectfully and raised thoughtful questions and reflections about what they saw. I have recommended that they explore more of the content on Newsround, if they wish to find out more but am aware that they may come home with more questions in the meantime.

### Homework

Thank you so much for all of the homework that has been completed consistently by the majority of children this term. I would be grateful if you could also make sure that the children are doing the assignments set on Spelling Shed (at least three times per week) and that those children who are not yet secure on all of their timetables and division facts are also regularly playing on TTRockstars. Can you also please remind children to bring their reading diaries into school every Thursday.

*Our new theme is an investigation into "witches" and how they were persecuted throughout history. We will be looking at the evidence that was put forward in one of the most famous UK trials, to decide whether the judgement was fair. Whilst this is specifically a history focus, we will also be doing some creative writing around the ideas of witchcraft and exploring some of the myths that surround the subject.*

*As always, if there are any issues that you would like to raise regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Alternatively, I look forward to seeing you all during the parents' evenings in the week before half-term.*

*Best wishes,*

*Mrs Lacey & the Year 6 Team*