

# Year 6 Curriculum Update

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## Values: Trust and Diversity

### "True Crime – The Pendle Witches"

The children have spent several weeks exploring the history of witches and witchcraft, identifying how different beliefs were formed and how they have affected our modern day version of witches. As part of this theme, they investigated the circumstances surrounding the UK's most famous and best-recorded witch trial, held in Lancashire in 1612. They used copies of evidence from the trial, which included statements made by the accused, and questioned how reliable these sources could be and whether the statements were given voluntarily.

As part of the theme, the children also wrote newspaper stories based on one of fiction's most infamous witches, from the story of Hansel and Gretel. Some of the children chose to twist the story, creating some very dark tales. Finally, the children also read and acted out the famous witches spell scene from Macbeth – those of you who were able to come to the assembly will undoubtedly remember the excellent performance by Ellie, Eliza and Eva.

### Year 6 Class Assembly

It was wonderful to see how well the children worked together to write and perform their Class Assembly, especially since it is so long since their last one. Having decided what they wanted to include, the children worked in their separate groups to write their part and they then brought in others, as needed, to make sure that everyone had a role to play.

Each section was well-thought-through and covered a lot of the children's recent learning across the curriculum: art, PE, literacy, history, languages and even the residential field work were included in the performance.



### Geography

In the last few weeks, we have been thinking about migration and how settlements expand and change due to the movement of people from one place to another. The children used atlases to locate cities with over 15 million people and have then gone on to think about the push and pull factors, which cause migration.

We have also explored some of the key impacts of migration and have discussed current new stories regarding concerns and solutions for asylum seekers and other migrants.

### Religious Education

We are currently thinking about the Hindu faith and investigating the question, "Why do Hindus want to be good?" This involves looking at the key beliefs of the Hindu faith, and learning some of the names and terminology associated with the religion. The children have displayed excellent understanding and interest in the ideas that we have discussed so far.

### PE & Sporting Challenges

During the last term, the children have been developing their gymnastic agility with Mr Hutton and continuing to work on their netball skills with Emma, our wonderful professional netball coach.

In addition to playing sport within school, many of the class have represented Madley in inter-school competitions. They should be very proud of their achievements, not only in playing the sport itself but also for their behaviour and sportsmanship during the various competitions.



### SATS Easter Revision Pack

Hopefully you have all had the parentmail regarding this pack and the children have all brought theirs home and have shared it with you. This is something that you can choose to use in whatever way best suits your family and whatever it is that you have planned for the Easter holidays. The answer pack and purple notes mean that the children can see where they may have gone wrong and should help them to understand what they would need to do next time. I look forward to seeing any work that is completed and hope that you find the pack useful and just enough for the children to do.

*After the Easter holidays, we will be starting a new theme called "Wars of the World", where we will look at some of the key events within the First and Second World Wars and also more recent conflicts across the globe. Whilst we will be preparing the children for SATS, which take place in the week starting the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, we will continue to teach all other aspects of the curriculum. We will be taking part in forest school but this will be on site rather than at the forest school main site for the first few weeks of the term.*

*I have put a selection of pictures from the last few weeks on the class gallery, including some of their last Easter Egg hunt at Madley. I have also included a copy of the powerpoint, which I used at last week's meeting, for those of you who were unable to come along on the night.*



*Finally, I would like to thank the children for their hard work during the term and for the maturity they have shown during our recent discussions on diversity both as a school value and also in some of the issues raised within our class book, Tyger. Well done, Year 6!*

*Best wishes for a wonderful Easter holiday,*

*Mrs Lacey & Miss Hirst*

*P.S. You may have seen requests on the newsletter and various parentmails for any donations of seeds or bulbs that the children can plant during the next few weeks. Year 6 will be playing their part in this whole school project and therefore any donations would be greatly appreciated.*