

### Literacy

Throughout the Spring term, Year 6 Literacy will be related to 'The Garbage King', 'Les Miserables' and 'Romeo and Juliet'. This Literacy unit will allow the children to write using different structures and text types such as: narratives, instructions, non-chronological reports and letters. The texts that the children write will be heavily linked to SMSC. During this term, there will be a big focus on handwriting, SPaG and spelling.

### Music

Music this term will be linked to two songs: 'Dona Nobis Pacem' meaning 'Give us peace' that can be sung as a three part round, and 'Life is a highway' – a thought-provoking ballad about the journey of life and the endurance of the human spirit. The children will develop their rhythmic understanding and singing abilities.

### Outdoor PE: Netball

Children will practice chest passing and pivoting to change direction in a game of Netball. The pupils will focus on accuracy of passing and stopping when holding the ball.

### French

The children will be learning about healthy/unhealthy foods and stating their likes/dislikes. The children will then be learning weather phrases in French and creating a French weather report.

### Numeracy

During this term, pupils will begin to refine and develop their mathematical skills using the four operations and place value. They will begin to apply these skills in problem solving scenarios to appreciate the 'real-life' context that mathematics works with.

### ICT

Pupils will increase their knowledge of coding through using apps on the iPads. Pupils will use A.L.E.X., which helps them think and plan logically as they program the robot with a sequence of commands. On the desktop computers, pupils will increase their typing skills using a touch typing program.

Parent Topic Web – Summary of context for the term

## **Big Question: Is it better to be ruled or be a ruler?**

**Outcome 1: Serve some traditional Ethiopian food.**

**Outcome 2: Well-Good Maths**

### Humanities

As geographers and historians this term, children are going to be researching the history of slave trade focusing on Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. Children will investigate where the country is and how the landscape differs from rich and poorer areas. They will compare the area to that of Castleford.

### DT

Throughout the Spring term, children will use a book as inspiration called 'Dave the Potter' who creates art and pottery in Ethiopia. The children will then sketch the different designs before finally creating their own pottery using clay.

### Recommended Reading

The Garbage King By Elizabeth Laird

Dave the Potter By David Drake

### RE/SMSC

Children will learn about the values of the Christian Religion and the valuable work that 'Christian Aid' provides around the world. They will explore these values and look at how they relate to their own choices and beliefs through a number of activities and practical sessions.

### PSHCE: Mental Health

Children will be addressing different situations in relation to mental health. We will discuss how to be successful in a number of situations and also begin to think about how they can help each other and themselves in difficult circumstances. This will be linked to problems that Mamo faces in 'The Garbage King'.

### Science: Animals Including Humans

Pupils will explore the human body and the different systems within, with a focus on the circulatory system. They will learn to; identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood, explain how the circulatory system works and compare this to animal circulatory systems. To show their understanding of the topic, the children will create a working model of the human circulatory system.