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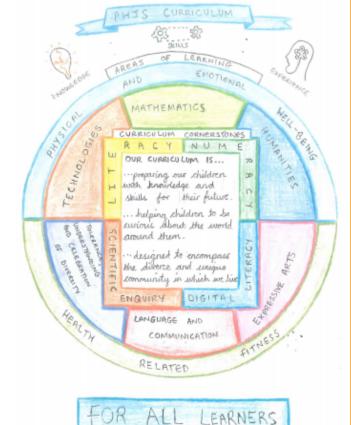
Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter September 2023

Park Hill Junior School Curriculum

Each term this year, you will receive a Year Group Curriculum Newsletter which will showcase the learning the children have completed that term. The Newsletters will include pictures, examples of learning, explanations and child comments and we really hope you enjoy sharing them with your children and seeing what they have been learning.

We have worked carefully to develop our Park Hill Junior School curriculum over the last few years to ensure it is engaging, current and reflects our community. Our curriculum model (pictured below) shows the subjects we teach, the aims for our curriculum and how well-being is also thoughtfully considered.

This first curriculum newsletter is to show you what theme the children will be focusing their learning around in the Autumn term, including links to different sections of our website which will be helpful for you to look at. We look forward to sharing your child's learning with you in the next newsletter towards the end of the term.

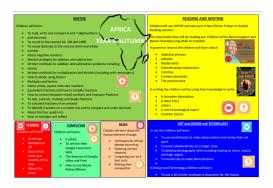


We encourage you to ask your children questions about their learning to promote their curiosity, share their passions and help them to remember what they have learnt.

Thank you for your support.

Autumn term Curriculum

This term in year 6 the children will be completing their learning based around the theme Africa. In geography lessons they will learn about Nigeria and history will be learning about the Ancient Kingdom of Benin which was situated in Nigeria. They will learn about society, trade and the chronology of the Kingdom. In Autumn 2 they will link their geography lessons to South Africa and then learn about Apartheid and Nelson Mandela in history. Their writing, music and art lessons will be linked to their Africa theme.



Curriculum Maps

Specific information about what the children will be learning in each subject is included on the curriculum map which can be found on our website and linked here.

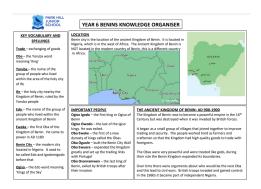
As we adapt our teaching to suit the needs of the children or to reflect events which are happening in the world, certain things may change but these give an overview of the knowledge and skills the children will be learning.

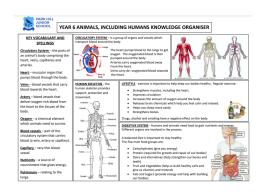


Knowledge organisers

<u>Included on our website here (please scroll down to the Knowledge Organiser section)</u>

are our Knowledge Organisers. These are great resources and the 'go to' documents that the children use in class to help them remember key facts, vocabulary, spellings and information around a particular topic they are learning in a subject or in a theme. These also encourage the children to be resourceful in lessons. At home we encourage you to discuss them with your children and see what they have learnt already and what they remember from their lessons. Our initial letter introducing these can be found here.





Reading

During Guided Reading sessions, in every year group, we follow the VIPERS skills

V = Vocabulary

I = Inferencing

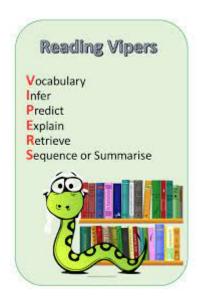
P = Predicting

E = Explaining

R = Retrieving

S = Summarising

Every day one or two of these skills are the focus and on a Friday it is Non-fiction Friday, where the children can research and learn facts based on the theme they are learning.



Experiences

We are in the process of booking trips and experiences for the children this year. In the Autumn term year 6 will be going to the Horniman museum for a workshop about the Ancient Kingdom of Benin.

Information about trips will be sent to you in a separate letter.



Please Just Ask

If you need to speak to us about your child's curriculum, please do come and speak to your child's class teacher or Ms Dempsey or Miss Turner. You can also go to the curriculum page on our website which you can access on the following link:

httpshttps://www.phjs.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-statement

Can you help?

If you have a particular passion or skill which you think will link well with a theme please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Turner. Alternatively, you can email the school office.

Also if you hear of local or national events which you think would be good to promote in our school please share them with us.

