THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ABU DHABI
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

Year
6
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Spring 2

Curriculum News

English

This half term we will continue to read 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. The students will develop their persuasive writing skills. Using the novel as the context, the students will write persuasive letters and leaflets about the effects of deforestation and protecting endangered animals. The Students will produce poems about rainforests, using poetic techniques such as onomatoepia, personification, similes and metaphors.
In groups, the students will also prepare presentations about countries around the world in preparation for the 'Travel Roadshow'. They will produce non-chronological reports, posters and leaflets about their countries
In our weekly guided reading sessions, the students will become more confident inferring, using evidence from the texts to justify their opinions.

Mathematics

Over the course of the half-term students will continue to further develop their ability to utilise key skills especially when investigating different Mathematical concepts.
The students will revisit Place Value and use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy. They will continue to solve word problems using all four operations.
In their fraction work the students will be multiplying simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form (for example, ¼ X ½ = 1/8) and dividing proper fractions by whole numbers (for example, 1/3 ÷ 2 = 1/6). As well as this students will use simple formulae, expressing missing numbers algebraically and continue to work with different units of measure.

Humanities and the Arts

For the next six weeks, the students will prepare a presentation for the 'Travel Roadshow'. They will work in groups and find out about continents and countries around the world.
Each group will be given a continent where a rainforest is found. They will find out about their chosen countries climate and how its climate affects its food production and imports and exports. They will develop their map reading skills, identifying the terrain of the country and use this knowledge to explain the locations of settlements. They will learn about the effects of tourism on the country and identify what the tourist attractions are. They will find out about the countries culture, education system, cuisines, population and capital cities. This unit will further encourage the development of key skills including research, analysis, independence and more.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is about Evolution. The students will learn how things have changed and developed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the earth millions of years ago.
We will look at how animals and plants have adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
The students will link their skills and knowledge in Science to their group work on their countries. They will identify vegetation and animals found in their chosen countries and discuss how some of the plants and animals found there have adapted.