

Knowle CE Primary Academy



Growing in God's Love; Flourishing Together

Introduction to our curriculum

Year 6

September 2024

Our curriculum is underpinned by the principles of S.M.I.L.E

- **Socialise:** We connect with the people around us, our families, friends, neighbours and our community. We spend time developing these relationships.
- **Move:** We keep active at school and at home. We aim to pursue physical activity we enjoy.
- **Interest:** We develop our curiosity and ask questions. We aim to notice the beautiful or the unusual.
- **Learn:** We endeavour to try new things or take on new responsibilities. We set ourselves challenges that we will enjoy achieving. We aim to become more confident with each new success.
- **Engage:** We aim to do something nice for others. We say 'Thank you' and SMILE! We aim to volunteer and give our time, looking out as well as in. We try to make a contribution to the wider life of our school, our family and our community.

Autumn Term in Year 6

- The theme of the autumn term is 'Justice'.
- This is reflected in our study of the book 'Holes', set in a juvenile detention camp in Texas
- In RE, we explore the stories of Noah and Moses and how these relate to the concepts of justice and freedom.
- In Geography and science, we explore deserts and animals and how their characteristics allow them to survive in such climates, including 'animal man' experience.
- In Design and Technology we create structures linked to 'Holes'.
- S.M.I.L.E. - focus on the ENGAGE and SOCIALISE elements. We support the Royal British Legion and are responsible for fundraising for the Poppy appeal this term, and a competition to promote it around Knowle.

Spring Term in Year 6

- The theme of the spring term is 'World War Two – can World War Two be justified?'
- Supported by books including The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, The Diary of Anne Frank and Letters from the Lighthouse
- D-Day landings re-enactment
- S.M.I.L.E: strengthened links with the Royal British Legion
- Work with Knowle Historical Society to learn about life in Knowle during World War Two

Summer Term in Year 6

- 'Tomorrow's World' - preparation for secondary school is key
- English work is based on the book 'The Boy In The Tower'
- PGL residential
- SATS assessments
- S.M.I.L.E - geography with the Solihull Ramblers and more fundraising for the Royal British Legion
- End of Year Production and Church service

Homework and supporting your children

- Homework in Year 6 is set on a Friday and is expected to be returned the following Friday.
- It usually includes reading, spelling, grammar and maths activities and is designed to recap and practice key skills and concepts. Some research or projects related to topics.
- Homework club will start after Christmas – Friday afternoons.
- Support your child to engage properly with their homework and learn their spellings
- Reading! Read to, read with and hear your child read as well as encouraging independent reading for pleasure - scientifically proven to have the biggest impact on learning in all areas.