Thank You for the Musicals

Autumn 2026

This term, Year 6 will be thinking about Music and the Arts through our central topic of 'Thank You for the Musicals', not only will it have a focus on teaching the children how to develop an appreciation of music, theatre and art.
The topic will also encourage our pupils to reflect on their learning, their successes and their resilience in meeting their learning goals across the various curricular areas of History, Geography, Design & Technology, Science and Art. The children will use these subject areas to develop their understanding of the world and their role within it as responsible, curious citizens who should be questioning the norms of society and life.

Maths:
The pupils will begin the year by revisiting prior learning in areas such as Place Value, Recognising and Comparing Number and developing their confidence with solving various calculations using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The children will gain knowledge to do these calculations with a variety of numerical values up to seven figures. This focus on calculation will support the children with their end of term project of setting up a small enterprise company and being able to balance their profit and loss.

History:
Our history studies this term will be centred around the theme of the Victorians. This historical period will not be new to the children having studied the Industrial Revolution in Year 5. Therefore, there will be an opportunity for the children to consolidate what they already know about this important historical period but to also be able to study new aspects of this era such as how children were treated and how people lived.

Art:
Step into the spotlight with our West End fashion and digital design unit! Inspired by our upcoming trip to London's iconic theatre district, children will explore how costume design brings musical characters to life by sketching dramatic garments and selecting theatrical textures. Bringing their concepts into the modern age, pupils will then harness digital technology to create striking digital advertisements for their show—combining graphic design, typography, and editing software to sell their production to a West End audience.

Computing:
This term will be learning about how data is transferred over the internet. The children will initially focus on addressing, before they move on to the make and structure of data packets. The children will then look at how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration; they will complete shared projects online and evaluate different methods of communication. Finally, they will learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.

***P*.S.H.E:**
In our Jigsaw lessons the themes of focus are:

- Being in My World
- Celebrating Difference

The children will be encouraged to think about their own goals for the year ahead and helping them consider and develop skills of independence and resilience. While they will also learn to consider the diversity and differences which exist in society today and how to develop tolerance and to gain strength of character to stand up for those who may be op*pressed.*

MFL:
This year our fantastic MFL teacher, Mrs Tallett will be leading our sessions. This term the children will be learning a selection of key phonemes to facilitate accurate and authentic pronunciation as part of their language knowledge. Then the children will use this new knowledge coupled with their prior learning to develop their vocabulary around various topics.

***P*.E:**
This term in PE, the children will continue working with the specialist teachers to develop their skills in Dance and Hockey.

English:
In English this term, the children will be focussing developing their writing through a chosen novel. Our first novel of the year will couple with our learning in History focussing on the life of child in Victorian England. The novel in question is—The Street Child by Berlie Doherty. Through this novel the children will delve deeper into the life of a Victorian Child being able to put themselves into the characters shoes and write from an emotive perspective in diary accounts, create alternative endings and to recreate a similar writing style associated with the period of their story. This novel study will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their own unique writing style and authorial voice.

Science:
Our Science learning this term will focus around light and electricity. The children will learn about the various different component which help to make up different circuits. The children will have the opportunity to create open and closed circuits to power various different items such as a light bulb, buzzer or switch. This learning should give the children the understanding of why it is important to be safe around electrical equipment but also give them an insight into the complexity of how electrical circuits work.

Geography:
To begin the Year the children will be further developing their understanding of Spatial Sense and their location within the World as a whole. This topic should allow the children to reflect on their learning of the world from the last six years at Lancot. The children will have opportunities to study the longitude and latitude of the Earth, the various time zones which exist and to further develop their navigational skills by compass reading and following a map using our popular orienteering circuit.

Design and Technology
Our DT topic this term will be centred around our enterprise and industry. The children will be challenged with creating a food item which can be mass produced, packaged and sold on a budget. Therefore, the children will prepare and make jars of marmalade as inspired by the musical Paddington. This will also link to the children's learning within History focussed on the Victorians as marmalade became popular during this period. The children will also be responsible for designing jar labels too!

Music:
This year the children will beginning to learn a new instrument and will have the opportunity to delve into the world of percussion and beat with drums. These lessons will be led by the very able and talented tutors from Inspiring Music Service. The children will also have singing lessons led by a dedicated singing tutor.

R.E:
Our RE unit this term will the children will be focussing on the faiths of Sikhism and Christianity. The children will study different Sikh stories and what these mean to worshipping Sikhs but what they can also teach others from different faiths. Then the children will focus on 'What is a Church?' and consider is it just a place of worship or can it be a place with more than one purpose and does it still matter in today's society.

Dates for your diary:
Friday, 18th September—PTFA Welcome Back Disco (Non-Uniform Day)
Thursday, 24th September—Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday, 29th September—Parents Attendance Workshop (5-6pm)
Monday, 5th—Thursday, 8th October - Mock SATs Week
Thursday, 8th October—Maths Parents Workshop (5-6pm)
Thursday, 15th October—Trip to Victorian Living Museum
Friday, 16th October—Food Bank Collection & Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday, 20th October—Individual School Photos
Tuesday, 20th October —Parent Walkabout & Book Look (2:30—4:30pm)
Monday, 26th October to Sunday, 1st November—HALF TERM