English Our class texts are books by William Shakespeare - our significant author. Our guided reading text is 'Between the Lines' by Stewart Ross. Our writing styles for this half-term are: • Poetry • Non-chronological report • Stories from other cultures	<ul> <li>R.E.</li> <li>Our thematic learning in R.E. this half-tee the question: How and why do believers as commitments during the journey of life?</li> <li>We will be identifying: <ul> <li>Some beliefs about love, commit promises in different religious the ceremonies of commitment for a non-religious people.</li> <li>How people in two different reliand how/what they celebrate. It similarities and differences in receremonies and beliefs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	how their ments and raditions. religious and gions live dentifying	Maths In Maths during this half-term focus on place value and add multiplication and division: We will be learning to: • read and recognise Roman f • understand numbers to at l • round numbers within 1,000 • understand numbers to at l • use negative numbers and c • a number line. • Add and subtracting number digits.	dition, subtraction, numerals. east 1,000,000. ),000. east 10,000,000. ount across zero on	<ul> <li>History</li> <li>In History, we are finding out about the First World War and its impact on Britain.</li> <li>We will be learning about: <ul> <li>The causes of the First World War.</li> <li>Who Franz Ferdinand was and the effect of his death.</li> <li>Why men volunteered to fight in the war.</li> <li>How trenches were used and why.</li> <li>What life was like during the First World War.</li> <li>The impact of new weaponry.</li> <li>The end of the war.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Our key substian this half taken is "M/hat strengths skills and		ippi - Curriculum Grid utumn 1 - Y5.6	We will be learning	<b>Science</b> term, we will be finding out about forces. <b>to:</b> the effects of gravity.	

We will be learning:

- how to recognise personal qualities and individuality. ٠
- to develop self-worth by identifying positive things about. ٠
- themselves and their achievements. .
- how their personal attributes, strengths, skills and interests. ٠
- contribute to their self-esteem. ٠

#### French

In French, this half-term, we will be learning about phonics and completing lessons on days of the week. Days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31 will be introduced, revised and consolidated so, by the end of this unit, pupils will have the knowledge and skills to say the date and when their birthday is in French.

## Art

In Art, this half-term, we are going to be focussing on Bees, Beetles and Butterflies and the work of Lucy Arnold

#### We will be learning to:

- Sketch in our sketchbooks.
- Make observational drawings.
- Create a mixed media collage.
- Study Pop Art. •

Work with local artists to produce sculptures to represent Sycamore Gap.

## Music

In Music, we will be receiving weekly singing lessons.

#### We will be learning to:

- hold the Ukulele in the correct position.
- Play the Ukulele by strumming and • plucking the strings.
- learning a variety of chords on the • Ukulele.

We will also be taking part in whole school singing lessons. This will include, sing in unison with others.

# Computing

This term we are 'connecting computers'. Learners will develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. They will also compare digital and non-digital devices. Next, learners will be introduced to computer networks, including devices that make up a network's infrastructure, such as wireless access points and switches. Finally, learners will discover the benefits of connecting devices in a network.

### P.E.

In P.E. this half-term, we will be focusing on athletics whilst the weather is still fair. We will also be doing invasion games.

#### Children will need to come in their P.E. kits on a Wednesday for a double P.E. session. Could they also bring their forest school clothing to be kept in school for fortnightly sessions.

- Plan and carry out fair tests relating to air and water • resistance.
- Investigate frictional forces.
- Understand how levers, gears and pulleys work and how simple machines can be used for mechanical advantage.
- Demonstrate how pulleys work and what they can be used for. •



The following drivers underpin our school curriculum and, with our vision and values, allow us to deliver our curriculum strategy. These key drivers are personal to our schools and reflect the locational, social and educational needs of our community.

Curriculum Driver	Links within our curriculum this half term		
Christianity and Faith	Comparing how people are all different - different faiths/beliefs/cultures. Making connections between the seasons and production of food - celebrating Harvest Festival. Exploring the cause and effect of WWI - thinking about why we celebrate Remembrance Day. Father Steve visiting school to help support the teaching of R.E.		
Legacy and making a difference	Exploring how religion supports people through difficult times. Knowing how families and industry adapted during WWI. Exploring the roles played by men and women in WWI. Investigating the achievements and legacy left behind by William Shakespeare and Isaac Newton.		
Outdoor learning and our local area	Exploring and identifying forces around us including gravity. Studying and comparing local plants and insects to sketch. Comparing life in WWI to life in our local community. Taking part in a community art project linked with Sycamore Gap. Taking part in a community art project linked with Beamish.		
Wider World and Diversity	Exploring and visiting places linked with school: Beamish and Sycamore Gap. Developing an understanding of how to stay safe online – focusing on online safety and cyber bullying. Celebrating differences within school and children – focusing on being individual, exploring diversity and stereotyping.		