

Teacher notes

Year 6 unit overview

Titles, text types and curriculum links

1. 'The Peppered Moth' – report (science – evolution)
2. 'The Workings of the Human Heart' – explanation (science – human circulatory system)
3. 'The Diary of Alessandro Guiseppe Antonio Anastasio Volta' – recount (science – electricity)
4. 'Visit Florida!' – persuasive writing (geography – North America)
5. 'A Jaguar in the Chicken Coop' – narrative (geography (South America, rainforest biomes)
6. 'The Trees and the Axe' – narrative (history – Ancient Greece; Aesop's fables)
7. 'Is this the perfect trainer?' – persuasive writing – (science – materials; P.E.)
8. 'Dragon Bones' – narrative (history – Shang Dynasty, oracle bones)
9. 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes' – a story set on board the Beagle – narrative (science – evolution and inheritance)
10. 'Stuck' – narrative (history, Victorians, social history – story of a chimney sweep)
11. 'A River Speaks' – poem (geography – rivers)
12. 'The life of Abu Bakr Mohammad Ibn al-Razi' – recount (history – early Islamic civilisation)
13. 'The Queen of the Curve (Biography of Zaha Hadid)' – recount (Art – famous architects)
14. 'How to reduce your carbon footprint' – report (geography – natural and human processes)
15. 'Job applications' – formal and informal writing (English – formal and informal writing)
16. 'Letter from the head teacher' – formal letter writing (English – formal writing)
17. 'The pros and cons of plastic' – persuasive writing/discussion – (geography – the environment; D&T – materials)
18. 'Small, but Mighty!' – report (science – micro-organisms and classification)
19. 'The Wrath of Vulcan' – narrative (history – Romans; geography – volcanoes; Pompeii)
20. 'The Glittering Collar' – narrative (history – Ancient Egypt)
21. 'Victory Parade After Marauding Grey Wolf captured!' – report (music – 'Peter and the Wolf')
22. 'A trip to Blackpool' – narrative (history – Victorians)
23. 'Mayan Fact File' – report (history – Mayan civilisation)
24. 'Daydreaming' – poem (history – Ancient Greeks)
25. 'School report' – report (English – formal writing)