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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Six

I am writing to introduce the Year six team and explain what we are going to be teaching in Year six up to Christmas.

Meet the team

Mrs Newman - Class teacher
Ms Carnevale – Deputy Head/Year 6 Teacher
Mrs Campbell - Teaching Assistant
Mrs Miller – Teaching Assistant

For term 1, the year 6 cohort will be split into three teaching groups for English and Maths. This will enable us to provide targeted teaching after the disruption to their learning last year. The third group will be taught by Ms Carnevale.

Year Six Autumn curriculum-“Journey To The Centre Of The Rainforest”

English

We will be covering a range of genres starting with narrative (story writing). While working on this, we will be trying out different ways of starting sentences encouraging the children to use and choose exciting vocabulary and developing how we write a setting and introduce characters. After narrative, we will be looking at persuasive writing-this is when we begin to work on a more formal style of writing. In year six we try to offer as many opportunities for meaningful and high-quality writing as we can-this will include RE, Science and topic work. Writing this year will be a big focus and there will be lots of it! Guided reading will involve Narrative and persuasive writing so that the reading will stimulate the writing. Children in year six are still expected to read at home and it would be great if you could join the library so that your child has access to a wide range of free books! The children will have Grammar lessons each week as well as being encouraged to apply what they are learning in their reading and writing. In spelling, the children will have “Wow” words, as they did last year and a spelling lesson, where children will get a chance to investigate and explore spelling patterns.

Mathematics

This term we will be focussing on fluency of multiplication and division facts up to 12x and using these known facts to solve more challenging multiplication and division questions. We will also be working on understanding larger numbers (up to 6 figures) and place value (including decimal numbers). There will be lots of opportunities to practice our arithmetic skills at this time, which will consist of consolidation of formal methods for subtraction and addition and looking at different methods to solve larger multiplication and division calculations. We will also be revising key fraction objectives ensuring that we know the key vocabulary for working with fractions and refining our methods for solving questions using fractions.

Music

In music this term, we will be focusing on the song ‘Happy’ by Pharrell Williams - a Pop song with a Soul influence about being happy. We will be focusing on songs in different styles about being happy, developing our knowledge and understanding about the dimensions of music and performing and sharing music with the use of instruments within the classroom.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

As part of our PSHE we will be looking at risks and what is meant by the term and how we as humans deal with different types of risk. We will also be doing some work on feelings-how we express ourselves, words that we use and how feelings can affect us and other people.

Modern Foreign Language (French)

As part of our French topic, children will be learning how to initiate and sustain a conversation, revising classroom vocabulary and asking/answering questions. Children will also be revising numbers to 100, as well as learning how to tell and ask the time. Finally, they will be discussing sports and hobbies and their likes and dislikes.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the 'Knowledge Organisers' which can be found on the class blog.

What homework to expect and when

Please make sure that your child is reading **every night** for at least 15 minutes. If your child is a confident reader please still ask them about what they are reading, about the characters or the plot. Make sure your child reads some non-fiction too-a magazine, the football pages, an information book linked with the topic. Homework will be given on a **Friday** and is expected back the following **Friday** ready for the class to share. Homework is marked as a class to help children reflect on their learning out of class, but will always be acknowledged by the teacher with extra learning always being rewarded.

If your child has any questions about homework, we encourage **them** to come back and ask us for help-this helps them in year seven to have the confidence to ask questions as they need to. I will be talking to them about this in the first few weeks.

Ways you can help your child

- Still ask them what their homework is on a Friday and help them practice any spellings they have.
- Please help with homework-don't feel that because they are in year six that you can't!
- Make sure that they are still reading every night
- Talk to them about their day-often in year six, children can begin to stop chatting about their day-try and keep this going...
- Please use the Blog and the year six website page for support and information

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please catch one of us in the morning to arrange a time for a conversation. Where possible, these will take place outside.

PE days both outdoor

Monday and Thursday - White T shirt, navy shorts or joggers, navy sweatshirt, suitable trainers please.

Tuesday Afternoon – Weekly mile.

Reminder

Children in Year Six are still required to be accompanied to and from school by an adult. If your child is being collected by someone who is not on the emergency contact list, please ensure you let the class teacher know as soon as possible.

Finally please remember to visit our blog at <https://classroom.google.com/>. This is a changed format this year and your child will require a username and password to access the blog. More information to follow. This will be a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes
Mrs Newman