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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely break and I wish you all the very best for 2020. I am writing to explain what we are going to be learning over the next term in Year 6.

Year 6 Spring Curriculum

English
We will be covering a range of genres starting with work on description; reading description that challenges the children to understand a wider range for describing and developing writing descriptively, using new vocabulary, imagery and personification. As we work on our topic, we will be writing a story based on a short film 'Little Freak' and some newspaper articles. We need to be working on starting sentences in different ways, using a variety of punctuation and conjunctions and continuing to use challenging vocabulary. The children need to know the features of many genres of writing and particularly need to understand and be able to work with formal and informal writing. Guided reading will support the work we do in writing. Please ensure that your child is reading every day-ask them about the characters in their books, talk about what they like and dislike and encourage them to write book reviews on the class blog.
Mathematics
In Maths we will be working on fractions; units of measurement; area and perimeter; angles and formal workings for all four operations. In all these areas we will be working on applying the children's understanding through worded problems. We will be beginning to work on aspects of the Maths SATs papers, including the new arithmetic paper. I will be sending out a separate letter next week to let you know about maths revision books and how you can help your child with revision generally.
Science
In science we will be learning about the properties of different materials and how these materials can change. The children will be building on knowledge from the previous years, making sure that they can explain scientifically, using technical vocabulary. They will be recording predications, scientific experiments and developing their ability to write conclusions.
Computing (IT)
The children will be using computers to research, design and create a website, which will be linked to our History topic 'Industrial Revolution'. We will also be concentrating on typing skills ensuring all the children have a good level of typing speed and accuracy ready for Secondary School.
Design & Technology (DT)
To link in with our topic the children will have a bridge building challenge day, where we will experiment with the best materials to build a secure structure.
Art
The children will be looking at the work of William Morris and developing his designs through different media.
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.
Religious Education (RE)
The children will be studying the significance of water in different religions and after half term they will be exploring Hindu ceremonies.

Physical Education (PE)

In PE, our gymnastic unit will help the children to develop the skills we started learning last term and they will incorporate a range of apparatus into their routines. In outdoor PE, the children will be looking at the skills needed for hockey. Please make sure that your child has warm clothes for Outdoor PE and an appropriate pair of trainers.

History

We have a very exciting topic this term which is called "Floaters and Steamers." We will be looking at the changes in this country through the Industrial Revolution. We will focus on inventions and inventors that changed the way we lived and worked.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

Our PSHE lessons will build on our visit to Junior citizens. The children will reflect on their social responsibilities and learn new life skills. We will also be focusing on the topic 'Celebrating Differences' within our PSHE and English lessons.

French

The children will continue working on developing conversation-greeting, asking how we are and talking about the weather. We will also be extending vocabulary linked with colours and food.

WHAT HOMEWORK TO EXPECT AND WHEN

The homework days and expectation remain the same...

- Homework is given out on a **Friday** and is expected back in on the following **Friday**. I am seeing a lot of children forgetting to bring in their homework or bringing in homework which is incomplete. Please can this be rectified immediately.
- As the children get closer to the end of Primary school, it is a good idea to help them to get into the habit of doing their homework as soon as they get it, ready for Secondary school where the children will receive multiple pieces of homework to complete.
- If your child forgets their homework or is absent, they need to take responsibility for their learning and collect a spare homework sheet from the classroom.
- Weekly homework consists of an English, Maths and short spelling task.
- Reading every night! Most of the children in Year Six are clearly reading more, which is great and this is helping their reading and writing in school so please continue this.

WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Asking about what they are reading.
- Making sure that if your child finds the homework too difficult that they come and speak to us themselves before the deadline. It is not a good idea for you to do your children's homework for them this is not helping them and will not prepare them for the homework in Secondary School.
- Checking that your child knows all their times-tables.
- Checking the Blog for revision pointers for the week.
- Buying the revision guides-if there are any problems with this, please come and see me.

PE DAYS

- Monday - indoor
- Thursday - outdoor

Trips

Your child will attend our trip to Junior Citizen on either Monday 13th or Thursday 16th January. As mentioned on the trip letter, the groups will be split over both classes and we will soon inform you on which day your child will be attending. Thank you to those who met the payment deadline at the end of last term. If you still need to pay, please do this via ParentPay ASAP.

Parents Evening

Year Six parents evening will take place earlier than the rest of the school so that I can talk to you about revision and revision guides ahead of SATS. This will take place on either **Monday 11 February 2019** or **Wednesday 13th February 2019**.

Best Wishes,

Miss Hoffman