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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely break and I wish you all the very best for 2023! 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; challenging the children to use a wider range of new vocabulary as well as imagery and personification. As we work on our topic this term, we will be writing a diary entry, developing our work on poetry, and creating our own journalistic writing, focusing on newspaper articles. We will work 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 and complete book tasks.

### Mathematics

In Maths we will be focussing 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 arithmetic paper. I will be sending out a separate letter soon to let you know about maths revision books and how you can help your child with revision generally.

### Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

Our PSHE lessons will be focussing on 'Valuing Differences' and our SCiB focus is internet safety. We will also begin work on Project 10 – an Oxfordshire based project run in conjunction with Thames Valley Police - where we will look at the rights and responsibilities that children have and relate these to real life issues such as knife crime and substance misuse.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subjects please look at the **Knowledge Organisers** which can be found on the class blogs.

## WHAT HOMEWORK TO EXPECT AND WHEN

The homework days and expectations remain the same:

- Homework is given out on a **Friday** and is expected back in on the following **Thursday**.
- 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.
- 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, such as about the characters or the plot. Encourage your child to read some non-fiction too - a magazine, the football pages or an information book linked with our topics or their interests.

### **WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD**

- Ask about what they are reading.
- Make 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.
- Check that your child knows all their times-tables.
- Check the Blog (Google Classroom) for revision pointers for the week.
- Buy the revision guides, (a letter will follow shortly with more information about these) if there are any problems with this, please come and see me.
- There will also be a homework club on Monday lunchtimes at 12pm.

### **PE DAYS**

- Tuesday - Indoor
- Wednesday – Outdoor

### **Term 3 and 4 shared lessons**

Term 3 – Maths – sharing how we solve problems in maths – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. 8:45am.

Term 4 – To be confirmed.

### **Class assembly**

Our class assembly will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 2:30pm. We would love you to join us. Please do not bring toddlers and babies if they are going to be a distraction for the children performing.

### **Forthcoming trips**

1st February 2023 - Black Country Living Museum (Linked to our term 3 and 4 topic, The Industrial Revolution).

Finally, please remember to visit our blog. This is 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.

Thank you for all your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Best Wishes,

Miss Jeffries