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Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter 2020

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all. This newsletter will outline these areas which our children will be covering in the Spring Term.

Literacy

We will start the term with a focus on Science Fiction writing based on 'War of the Worlds'. Continuing our sci-fi theme, we will then move onto journalistic writing, reporting news events from a mysterious invasion. To follow this, we will be writing stories with flashbacks using several well-known films to support our learning. Next half term we will turn our focus to the picture book 'Tuesday' and a mysterious invasion of a different kind taking police incident reports and interviewing key witnesses. This will bring us to the end of term sharing 'Wolves in the Walls' when we will write a dual narrative and letter of complaint. We will continue our focus on grammar, punctuation and spellings throughout the various topics.

Numeracy

Our focus for number work during the term will be on working with positive and negative numbers, understanding decimals and place value. It will be essential all children know their multiplication tables as this will be the basis for much of the work we complete. Calculations will focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole and decimal numbers. We will develop our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes by transforming, reflecting and rotating them. We will continue to convert between different units of measure and further our understanding of measuring and calculating angles. We will have a strong focus on fractions, decimals and percentages, connections between the three and the application of these in problem solving. These are all key to preparing the children for their SATs.

Creative Curriculum

Our creative curriculum topic this term is 'Crime and punishment'. The focus for this topic is learning about crime and punishment through the ages in Great Britain. We will begin by looking at Roman influences through to modern day. In art, we will be studying controversial artist, Banksy, and using stencils to imitate some of his work. The children will also debate on the topics of graffiti and capital punishment. In D&T, the children will be designing and constructing a burglar alarm, drawing on their knowledge of electricity from Science in Autumn term.

Science

The first of our science topics is 'The Circulatory System'. Children will review their knowledge of the human body including the heart and lungs. We will complete investigations on lung capacity and the heart rate. The children will explore the impact of diet on the way the body functions. The second topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance' will start with investigations into fossils and how dinosaurs evolved over time. Children will then apply this

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knowledge and use 'Darwin's theory of Evolution' to explain animal adaptations to different environments.

RE

The children will be looking at the role and impact of charities within society. We will be looking at how religious charities relate their actions to religious beliefs and the roots of these within religious scriptures. The children will reflect upon and express their own beliefs on charity through debate and art.

PE

The children will take part in a variety of PE activities during the term. They have PE on a Wednesday which will be outdoors: netball and football. For the first half term, children will be participating in gymnastics on Monday afternoons followed by dance. It is essential all children have suitable indoor and outdoor kit on the appropriate days.

Upcoming events

SATS week – Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May

Homework

It is really important your children continue to read each day. They are responsible for their reading record and completing it when they finish a book. It is also essential children read a variety of texts –fiction and non-fiction. All children will receive four pieces of homework each week.

1. Literacy – Reading Comprehension - This will be given out on a Monday and will need to be returned the following Monday when we will mark it in class.
2. Numeracy - This will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be returned the following Wednesday when we will mark it in class.
3. Literacy – Grammar - This will be given out on a Friday and will need to be returned by the following Friday to be marked in class.
4. Spellings - Children will continue to receive a list of spellings each week and will be tested on a Friday.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or require further advice on how you can support your child at home, please feel free to come and speak to us – preferably at the end of the day as mornings can be quite busy.

Miss Eardly, Miss Laird, Miss Titley and Mrs Marsden