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Dear Parents

Newsletter Spring 2018 – Year 6

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back to another busy and exciting school term. It is wonderful to see how well the children are settling back into the school routines after the Christmas break and I thought you would like to know what your child will be studying this term.

English

During the spring term, Year 6 pupils will be reading the class novel *Room 13* by Robert Swindells. They will continue to work on spelling, punctuation and grammar and their writing assessment will be a persuasive letter. They will also improve their comprehension skills with a particular focus on inference and deduction.

Maths

Pupils will consolidate and extend their written methods for long multiplication and division (for whole numbers and decimals). They will solve multi-step problems involving addition and subtraction in context. They will classify and identify properties of quadrilaterals and draw polygons with accuracy using a ruler and a protractor. Knowledge of multiplying fractions and primes, multiples and factors will be extended. Data work will include: calculating the average of a set of numbers, constructing and interpreting line graphs and pie charts. They will begin to use a formula to describe a sequence. Proportional reasoning will be extended to include ratio. Pupils can also consolidate their learning at home by using the Active Learn website.

Science

Pupils will study the Science topic of Electricity and where it comes from. They will look at renewable and non-renewable fuels as part of power generation, and then look at each type in more detail. Practical science lessons will focus on drawing and building circuits and investigating the effects of changing components has on the performance of the circuit.

Art

This term, pupils will continue to develop their gargoyle project producing a 3d papier-mâché gargoyle mask.

French

During the spring term, pupils will learn to talk about school subjects and express their opinions of them. They will also gain an understanding of the school system in France. They will continue to gain confidence in manipulating numbers and consolidate telling the time, with the aim of being able to describe their timetable.

Games - Boys

During this term, boys are offered the opportunity to improve and develop their existing knowledge of tactics and rules within rugby and hockey. They will also take part in individual activities such as swimming and cross country running. In these lessons, pupils will continue to work on techniques and their individual performances will be recorded and monitored.

Games - Girls

During this term, girls are offered the opportunity to improve and develop their existing knowledge of tactics and rules within hockey and netball. They will also take part in individual activities such as swimming and cross country running. In these lessons, pupils will continue to work on techniques and their individual performances will be recorded and monitored.

Geography

In geography, the pupils will be completing the British Isles unit and then they will start the 'Rivers' topic. They will learn about the processes in a river system, including erosion, transport and deposition. They will also learn how landforms such as waterfalls, ox-bow lakes and deltas are formed.

History

During the spring term, pupils will consolidate their knowledge of all things Greek before studying the legacy of Ancient Greece and how our lives today are defined by the Ancient Greeks. After half term, the pupils will start to learn about Ancient Rome, starting with an understanding of the power of the Roman Army.

ICT

Pupils will complete an informative video about the school. They will also cover e-safety issues. The internet will be used to research environmental issues and global warming. This topic includes spreadsheets, images, making a brochure and a PowerPoint presentation.

Music

Pupils will listen to and compose music that depicts travelling. They will also listen to performances from musical theatre. Classroom singing will include songs from this year's production, Joseph, together with folk and popular songs, some with simple vocal accompaniments. Pupils' awareness of musical notation will be developed through work on musical keyboards and theory tasks.

PSHE

The pupils will consider the importance of keeping fit and having a balanced diet. They will also consider the negative effect that smoking and drinking alcohol has on the body. To support this work, they will receive a workshop from Dr. Donkin and her team from Durham University. They will also receive a visit from the The Guide Dog's for the Blind to find out about the good work carried out by this charity, as well as the Fire Brigade.

RS

This term, pupils will complete their study of Hindu religion, concentrating upon worship. Later in the term, pupils will start to explore the religion of Buddhism by investigating the Buddha's early life.

Technology

Design Technology will have two themes this term: 3D drawing and shading, and working with a variety of hard materials. 3D drawing will be a development of their perspective drawing skills and the more practical Design Technology lessons will have a metals focus. Pupils will develop hand skills when working with different metals as well as investigating the background and properties of the materials being used.

I do hope you find this information useful so that you can support your child in their learning.
If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch:
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Yours sincerely

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