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Dear Parents

Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 2018

Welcome back to another busy and exciting school year. It is wonderful to see how well the children have settled into the new Year 6 routines and they are rising to the challenges of being at the top of Key Stage 2! The autumn term is always extremely busy and we have many exciting events planned. I thought that you would like to know what your child will be studying over the next term so that you can help to support their studies.

English

This term, pupils will be reading *Why the Whales Came*. They will continue to work on improving spelling, punctuation and grammar skills and they will be learning about descriptive writing techniques including metaphors and similes. Reading comprehension will include developing skills of inference and deduction.

Maths

In the autumn term, pupils will explore odd and even numbers and their associated facts. They will consolidate multiplication and division facts, finding common multiples and multiplying and dividing integers and decimals by 10, 100 or 1000. Within the topic of shape, pupils will classify 2D quadrilateral shapes, use a protractor to measure and draw acute and obtuse angles; they will also calculate angles in a triangle. Pupils will investigate fractions and convert, reduce, compare and order fractions. Through data handling, pupils will study patterns; constructing and interpreting bar/line graphs to convert between metric and imperial units of length and weight.

Science

Pupils will explore the topics of *The Human Body* and *Electricity* this term. Initially, they will learn about the human skeleton before looking at organs and then the circulation system. They will investigate what it means to live a healthy lifestyle and the effects on the body of nutrition and exercise. During the *Electricity* topic, pupils will investigate a range of circuits and use different inputs and outputs to establish the effects of these different components.

Art

Pupils will be working on a project based on fruit for the Fashion Show. They will also be taking part in making stained glass Advent Window for St. Mary's Church.

French

This term, pupils will practise describing themselves and others in details before moving on to the topic of School. They will talk about school subjects, giving their opinion and reasons. They will also create a video project on their school day. Throughout the term, they will continue to ask and answer more complex questions. **Physical Education - 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.

Physical Education - 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

This term pupils will study the British Isles. They will learn about the physical and human geography of the different countries including: mountains, rivers, climate, capital cities, population, migration and economic activities.

History

In the autumn term, pupils study the Ancient Greeks including a summary of 'Ordinary Life', the City States and three key battles (Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis). In order to develop further their understanding of everyday life in Ancient Greece, the pupils will participate in a workshop led by Tanya Bentham from Threads of Time.

ICT

This term, the pupils will explore how promotional videos are constructed and designed for a particular audience and purpose. Pupils will then plan, film and edit a short promotional film using editing software. They will also study e-safety this term and further develop their key board skills.

Music

Pupils will write a melody over a drone accompaniment. They will sing songs with repetitive or call and response patterns, such as African songs, gospel and spirituals. They will also listen to 'Take Five' in jazz style and several fanfares. Pupils will use software to compose their own fanfare. Some singing will focus on material for our Christmas events.

PSHE

This term, pupils will consider the following topics: Understanding Democracy; Environmental Awareness and Responsibility; Value for Money; Poverty; and Achieving Goals. They also take part in Crucial Crew, which provides them with a series of interactive scenarios including how to make a 999 call, fire safety, home safety, road safety, substance misuse, internet safety, safety at the coast, electrical safety and firework safety.

RS

The Year 6 course in the autumn term involves the study of Hinduism focusing on Hindu beliefs about God and Hindu worship. Pupils' knowledge and understanding of the Hindu religion will be enriched by a visit to the ISKCON temple in Newcastle. The focus of the term will be for pupils to be able to use subject specific key words accurately, describe/explain Hindu beliefs and practices

Technology

Year 6 starts with an introduction to safe and accurate working within the practical setting of the technology room. Practical work involves pupils working with wood, plastic and metal. Pupils will develop knowledge, skills and understanding of different materials and processes developed using individual design and make tasks. They will also start to develop a range of 3D drawing techniques that will help them to present design ideas in a range of styles.

It may also be worth mentioning that parents are very much encouraged to support our sport teams on the side-lines. Details of all matches can be found on the school website (through the link –

'Sports Fixtures & Results') or the following address can be saved onto your mobile phone home screen for easy access to this information:
<http://www.redhouseschoolsport.co.uk/>

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: claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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