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Dear Parents

Year 5 Subject Summaries: Summer Term 2021

I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to the summer term. I have no doubt it will be another busy and exciting time at school and I thought you would like to know what your child will be studying.

English

Pupils will be reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. The book will provide the stimulus for creative and non-fiction writing as well as drama activities. Weekly exercises will be taught to improve the pupils' spelling ability and develop their punctuation and grammar. Pupils will also be reading, writing and performing poetry including 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll.

Maths

Pupils will rehearse mental addition and subtraction strategies and apply skills to money, fractions and decimals. They will consolidate methods of multiplication, identify rules of divisibility and also learn to read and plot coordinates in two quadrants. Pupils will also extend their understanding of 2D and 3D shape by identifying 3D shapes from 2D representations and by creating 3D shapes using 2D nets.

Science

Pupils will be investigating different materials and their properties. They will be looking at animals and plants and how to classify them. They will also look at how animals have adapted to suit their environment.

Art

Pupils will learn about caricature and link it to the propaganda posters of World War 2. They will create a modern propaganda poster using caricature and line art.

French

Pupils will learn to talk about likes and dislikes and name what they have and don't have in their survival kit. Pupils will be introduced to regular -er verbs (for je, tu, il and elle) and they will practise using the verb avoir in the present. They will also build on their knowledge of adjectives in order to be able to describe themselves in detail.

Physical Education

During this term, a range of sporting activities will be covered. Pupils will be taught striking and fielding games such as cricket and rounders. The aim is to develop an increased level of understanding of basic tactics and rules, and how to apply these in a competitive environment. In swimming, pupils will develop their technique in all 3 basic strokes. In athletics, pupils will increase

their confidence in a range of track and field events, and their performances will be recorded as they prepare for sports day.

Geography

Next half term, the pupils will study the topic of 'Climate Change'. They will explore how the exploitation of fossil fuels has resulted in a release of Greenhouse gases and how that has in turn resulted in Global warming. Pupils will consider how these factors affect the whole world and how they can play a part in protecting our environment.

History

This half term, the pupils will be learning about the Victorian Era. They will explore life at this time, with a particular emphasis on children. They will learn about many aspects including the workhouse, inventions, railways, schools and the Empire.

Computing

Pupils will study aspects relating to the topic of 'PhotoBook', where they will create a tourist's guide to Norton High Street. They will also use the software 'SketchUp' to draw and manipulate 3D models.

Music

Pupils will compose melodies harmonised by sustained and repetitive accompaniments. Listening material will include music depicting a musical clock and English folk songs. Pupils will continue with regular clapping exercises to help develop their note recognition and awareness of rhythmic patterns. They will also learn some songs appropriate to the season.

PSHE

Pupils will cover two topics this term: 'Say No!' and 'Living Long, Living Strong'. During these topics they will cover puberty, friendships and staying safe online. They will also learn that there is a difference between legal and illegal drugs, explore attitudes about drug use and challenge myths. Throughout the term, the pupils will learn a range of skills to resist peer pressure and develop conflict resolution strategies. They will also continue to use mindfulness techniques to help cope with strong emotions.

RS

Pupils will study the topic 'Forgiveness'. They will focus on understanding what is meant by forgiveness and use drama activities to show the feelings involved when forgiving someone and when being forgiven. They will study the role that forgiveness plays in world religions.

Technology

Pupils will be looking at model toys, which include a working cam mechanism. This will include investigating the role of a cam in a simple mechanism. They will then design and build their own model toy with recycled materials.

I do hope that 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Thompson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

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