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Dear Parents

### **Year 6 Curriculum Information: Autumn Term 2021**

Welcome back to another busy and exciting school year. It is wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new Year 6 classrooms and they are rising admirably to the challenges of Senior School life! 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, the pupils will begin by developing their understanding of figurative language through poetry. They will then read 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. Using this text as a stimulus, they will focus on character and setting descriptions as well as writing diary entries. They will continue to work on improving spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. 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 'Earth in Space' this term. Initially, they will learn about the circulation system and investigate how factors such as exercise and a balanced diet contribute to a healthy lifestyle. Through the topic of 'Earth in Space', pupils will gain a greater understanding of more abstract concepts such as the seasons and how a solar or lunar eclipse is created.

#### **Art**

Year 6 will complete a 'Doorways' project this term. They will study the work of Hundertwasser and they will look at Art Deco and Art Nouveau designs to develop their understanding of pattern. Finally, they will design and decorate their own unique doorway using a range of media.

#### **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. They will also take part in individual activities such as swimming and fitness. 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 fitness. 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 will study the Ancient Greeks where they will discover how archaeologists and historians have uncovered the past. Pupils will explore a range of themes such as Greek mythology, the Greek gods, and the everyday life of the people. Pupils will learn about democracy and compare how the different city states of Sparta and Athens were ruled and governed.

### **ICT**

This term, the pupils will learn about online safety taking a more in depth look at a variety of online safety issues. Pupils will be given ways to deal with online content that they find worrying or even believe to be dangerous. Pupils will further develop their skills in presenting information using Word, Publisher and PowerPoint.

### **Music**

In the Autumn Term, the pupils will write a melody over a drone accompaniment. They will explore music with repetitive or call and response patterns, such as African rhythms. Pupils will listen to 'Take Five' in jazz style, and 'Fanfare for the Common Man'. They will also compose their own fanfare. Classes will learn songs for the Christmas events and this year's production.

### **PSHE**

This term, the pupils will develop their understanding of democracy and the need for fair laws. They will learn about how laws are made in the Houses of Parliament and about the role the House of Lords plays in passing laws. Pupils will work as a team to devise a set of class rules and they will conduct their own election to vote for a pupil council representative. In addition, pupils will further develop their environmental awareness and responsibility, and consider that protecting the environment is a collective responsibility.

### **RS**

Pupils will learn a range of creation stories from world religions, including less known or extinct religions as well as different cultures. They will sequence, compare and contrast the stories throughout the unit. In addition, they will be choosing a variety of ways to present their work which will enable them to reinforce key literacy and computing skills.

### **Technology**

This year, Year 6 will start with an introduction to safe working practices in the DT room. Pupils will be gradually introduced to a range of tools and other equipment that they will be using in their various DT lessons. They will be shown how to safely use them several times before being allowed to use them independently. Pupils will then undertake a number of practical projects before the end of term that will allow them to start to develop their design and practical skills.

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](mailto:claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



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