



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4 in Year 6. I hope that your children have had an opportunity to recharge their batteries for what promises to be a very busy half term ahead and are looking forward to our varied and exciting curriculum for the next few weeks.

English:

Our English lessons will be mainly based on a variety of Greeks Myths with a focus on proof-reading and editing to presentation level. In poetry the children will study the poem Stop All The Clocks by WH Auden and will also work on a choral piece based on the story of Persephone. Our class reader is Journey To The River Sea by Eva Ibbotson. We will also be revising punctuation, grammar and reading comprehension strategies in preparation for the Key Stage 2 SATs.

Mathematics

In maths, we will continue to extend our children in mathematics through varied investigative and differentiation methods. This term, children will focus on representing and interpreting sequences, patterns and relationships involving numbers and shapes. They will start to look at simple formulae, how to solve algebraic problems and order of operations (BIDMAS). The class will also spend some time revising number, data & measures and shape & space in preparation for the SATs.

Science and Technology

Our topic this term is 'Electricity'. We will begin by revising simple circuits and then have an opportunity for lots of hands on experience with symbols, diagrams & incomplete circuits as well as comparing series & parallel circuits.

Time and Place

This term, our Time and Place topic will be The Greeks. There will be a specific focus on the comparison of Modern and Ancient Greece, looking at how its climate and terrain influenced settlement. We will also be studying the names and characteristics of the principal Greek Gods, The Battle of Marathon and, of course, the Olympics, both modern and Ancient.

Physical and Emotional Health

The children will continue to receive specialist P.E. teaching from Sports coaches. They will also continue to develop their fundamental movement skills such as co-ordination and balance through dance with Mrs Lucas; the theme for this term will be Greek dance.

Arts and Creativity

Our Arts and Creativity will be based around the theme of Ancient Greece. Children will be studying the designs that can be seen on Ancient Greek pottery and will be creating their own designs on papier mache pots. They will also make masks based on those used in Greek theatre.

Ethics and Citizenship

'The Greenhouse Effect and Global Warming' will be our topic of study this term. The children will be looking at how our actions can affect our environment and how, as good citizens, we can help protect the world we live in.

Faith and Belief

In Faith and Belief this term, we will be exploring the key question, Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on earth? Children will be examining the influences Christianity still has in the world and evaluating whether it is still a strong religion.

Homework

Homework will be set daily and is usually due the next day; it is recorded in Homework journals. Children should read daily and times tables/maths competencies/weekly spellings and termly Spelling Stars should be rehearsed on a regular basis. Any questions or queries, please feel free to come and see me.

Finally

Can I please remind parents and carers about our Breakfast 'Booster Club', we are covering all aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension and arithmetic. There is a noticeable improvement in the progress of children who attend regularly. Unfortunately, there are still a few children in Year 6 who do not attend. If you are not sending your child at the moment, I do urge you to reconsider; children who have attended these classes in the past have definitely got better SATs results. It would be great to see as many Year 6s as possible in the lead up to SATs. Classes run from Monday – Thursday.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Gallop

Useful websites:

Literacy and Maths revision:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/reading/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/math>

Spelling games:

<http://www.spellingcity.com/>

Time and Place : http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/

Science: http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/electrical_circuits/read/1/
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/science/electricity.htm>

Citizenship & Ethics:

<http://www.clean-air-kids.org.uk/globalwarming.html>