



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to year 6! We have lots of exciting and challenging things planned for this academic year. We continue to offer a creative and innovative curriculum for all the children, with the added benefit of specialised teaching in P.E, Music, Drama and Maths. Here's what we have to look forward to this term:

Literacy, Oracy and Language

The children will continue to develop their writing skills through the Big Write, focused Grammar and Reading Comprehension lessons, in addition to daily Literacy lessons. We will be studying a child-friendly version of one of Shakespeare's plays, A MidSummer Night's Dream. The children will use drama activities to explore typical characters, setting and events, they will plan and write their own stories linked to themes from the play. They will work on individual sections from it adapting and rewriting it.

Poetry: Children will explore the poetry of local poet Coral Rumble with a focus on Rap. Children will create their own raps linked to our work on Shakespeare; they will use the skills of editing and re-drafting to produce a presentation piece.

Newspapers: The children will use the styles and conventions of journalism to write newspaper articles. They will read reports from a variety of newspapers and analyse them, identifying key language, structure, organisation and presentational features, as preparation for writing.

Useful website: www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html

Mathematics

The children will kick off the term with recapping number and place value, specifically reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to 10 000 000 and determining the value of each digit. They will also be solving number and practical problems that involve number, place value and rounding. There will be a focus on applying all four operations to number problems as well as identifying factors and multiples.

Useful website: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/

Science and Technology

Our topic this term is Living Things & Their Environment. The children will be learning about a variety of local habitats and identifying animals which are predators and their prey. We will learn to sequence valid food chains and we will consider the effect of changes to a habitat on some organisms.

Useful website: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10_11/interdependence.shtml

Place and Time

Our topic will be The Industrial Revolution. Themes we be studying include social change, the importance of the railways, change in the landscape of Britain-rural and urban and the Factory Act and its implication for children.

Useful websites:

<http://resources.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/homework/victorians/industrialrevolution.html>

Physical and Emotional Health

PE this term will be taught by specialist sports coaches, and will focus on team games such as football, rugby, netball and hockey, and improving the children's spatial awareness and specific skills. Mrs Lucas will take the

class for dance; she will focus on performance skills this term. Please note, PE will take place Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Arts and Creativity

In art this term, we will be studying the work of Victorian designers, in particular we will be looking at the work of William Morris. This work links with our Time and Place Topic.

Ethics and Citizenship

Our Citizenship and Ethics theme this term is 'Our Rights.' In Year 6, we will be specifically looking at our rights in the community in which we live, focusing mainly on 'Tolerance and Anti-Social Behaviour'. Discussions will include examples of different types of behaviour and their consequences.

Useful websites: <http://www.schoolbeat.org/en/pupils/age/7-11/I-Didnt-Think/>

Faith and Belief

Our topic for this term will be about Beliefs and Practices with a focus on Islam..

Useful website: www.request.org.uk

Homework

Homework will be set daily and is usually due the next day. Weekly spellings will also be given and children should continue to read daily. Times tables and/or maths competencies should be rehearsed on a regular basis. Any questions or queries, please feel free to come and see me.

Finally

Please can I please remind parents and carers about our Breakfast 'Booster Club'. Subject –matter taught is completely dictated by the needs of the children and varies weekly. We cover all aspects of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths and Reading skills - there is noticeable improvement in the progress of children who attend regularly. Please can I encourage you to send your child – it would be great to see as many Year 6s as possible. Classes run from Monday – Thursday.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Mary Gallop