



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2! We have lots of exciting and challenging things planned for this term. Here's what we have to look forward.

English

We will begin the term with a study of Remembrance poetry, particularly For the Fallen by Lawrence Binyon, part of which the children will perform to the school for our Remembrance Assembly. Other poems will include: Poppies for Remembrance - Moira Andrew and A Poem for Remembrance Day - The inquisitive mind of a child -

<https://anzacday.org.au/a-poem-for-remembrance-day>

Our class reader will be the 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and the class will be looking at the themes and the structure of a narrative text. We will also be working on Growth Mind- set principles through a variety of visual Literacy clips. The children will finish the term by reading extracts from Charles Dickens (children's version) based on Victorian Christmas.

Mathematics

The children will learn to use and manipulate fractions, as well as concentrating on using a protractor to accurately measure angles and create their own pie charts. They will also be interpreting data in other forms such as bar charts and line graphs. Finally, they will be looking at the properties of 3D shapes and identifying, describing and building 3D shapes using nets.

Science and Technology

Our topic this term is 'The Human Circulatory System'. The children will learn to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will also learn about recognising the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

Place and Time

This term the focus in Time and Place will be 'Famous Buildings.' We will be learning about the Houses of Parliament. The children will learn about why this building is so significant and the history behind it. They will also learn about some of the most significant people that have visited there. The class will have a basic insight into the world of politics!

Physical and Emotional Health

PE this term will continue to be taught by specialist sports coaches, where the children will concentrate on team games such as rugby and netball with a focus on improving their spatial awareness and specific games skills. Please note, PE will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. Mrs Lucas, our specialist dance teacher, will also be working with the children .

Our SEAL topic this term is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. We will consider the value of diversity and co-operation in order to build a positive ethos. We will be creating a bank of words to diffuse a difficult situation and think about how we can take responsibility for own feelings of anger.

Arts and Creativity

Art this term will be linked to our Time and Place Topic. Children will study and copy the style and techniques of a variety of artists who have created images of The Houses of Parliament.

Ethics and Citizenship

Our new Citizenship & Ethics topic will be 'Responsibilities as Leaders', linking into the British Values of mutual respect & tolerance and democracy (making collective decisions). We will be discussing the roles and responsibilities as leaders in Year 6 within the school, as well as looking at our responsibilities as citizens within the wider community.

Faith and Belief

Our topic in Faith and Belief this term is 'Christianity'. Christmas as a theme will be explored and will also be linked to how artistic representations of the Nativity tie in with Biblical accounts of the Christmas Story. They will also have the opportunity to compare the differing accounts of the birth of Jesus in the Gospels.

Homework

Homework will be set daily and is due the next day. Children should read daily and times tables and 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', where we are currently covering all aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar, Maths and Reading. 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 M. Gallop

Useful websites:

Literacy (Reading; Writing; Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar): <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

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

Maths games and revision: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/maths/>

Science: http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/circulation/read/1/

Place and Time: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=98>