



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the Summer Terms in Year 6. The remaining two terms will again be full of challenges and achievements for Year 6. We will be sure to continue our creative and innovative curriculum, whilst also preparing for the SATs that take place this term.

Literacy, Oracy and Language

Over the next two terms we will be revisiting several different genres and ensuring that the children are secure in a wide variety of writing styles as well as continuing to develop their Oracy skills in all lessons. We will begin the term with an in-depth revision of grammar, punctuation and spelling to help children extend their skills in comprehension and writing.

Mathematics

The coming weeks will see the children revising number, data & measures and shape & space in preparation for the SATs which will take place later this term. We will continue to extend our children in mathematics through varied investigative methods.

Science and Technology

We will begin the term with a WeDo Lego project led by Mr Rooney. This is a STEM solution that combines the LEGO brick, classroom-friendly software, engaging standards-based projects and a discovery based approach. It includes computational thinking and introduces the children to engineering principles.

Our Technology project will be to design and make a Greek- inspired papier- mache pot. The children will learn the technique of moulding glue and paper and will research Ancient Greek art to create authentic decoration for their pot.

Afterwards, we will be focusing on life cycles and life changes as well as looking at inheritance and evolution, comparing offspring with parents and seeing how plants/animals are adapted to habitats. We will be making pizza for our food technology project (fresh tomato sauce using home-grown tomatoes and a scone base). The children will research and taste toppings and investigate a variety of bases before deciding on their chosen pizza.

Time and Place

Children will begin the term with a study of Ancient Greece which will include how Greek culture has influenced the Western World, Greek gods, Battle of Marathon, Ancient vs Modern Olympics, Greek philosophers, Greek legacy, climate and terrain. This will which will culminate in an exhibition of writing, art, dance and poetry in the last week of Term 5. Afterwards the focus in Time and Place will be a study of trade and commerce in the Medieval Time Period. This will include, the rise of commerce in the Middle Ages, new markets, buying gold and spices , trade routes and forms of credit.

During Sports Week the children will study the History of Cricket , the origin of early cricket , the development of the game, competitions, The Ashes and our local annual cricket match, The Julian Cup.

Lastly, we will study Sustainability – deforestation of Brazilian rainforests, palm oil, topographical features of Brazil e.g. rivers, mountains, waterfalls.



Physical and Emotional Health

The children will continue with their specialist P.E. teaching and will have a focus on cricket. They will also continue to work on Greek dance with Mrs Lucas.

Our SEAL theme this term is 'Relationships.' The children will think about the different relationships they have with people in their lives. In term 6, our theme will be Changes. The class will consider negative feelings associated with change and the change related to Secondary School transfer. Linked to our Science topic, children will also learn about changes associated with puberty, conception and childbirth.

Arts and Creativity

Children will be studying Ancient Greek artefacts and will be using these as stimulus to create their own artwork. Children will be learning and performing a poem linked to our Time and Place Topic.

In music we will be studying the music of Carole King with a focus on the song, 'You've Got A Friend.'

Citizenship and Ethics

This term, our focus is 'Political Systems and the role of Pressure Groups.' Children will be learning about different political systems around the world as well as that in England. They will also focus on the role of pressure groups, how they are structured and what needs to be considered when planning a campaign. In term 6, our topic will be centred around controversial ethical dilemmas such as animal testing and fox-hunting. Children will be generating topical class debates, presenting for and against arguments linked to these ethical dilemmas.

Faith and Belief

Our topic for the Summer Term will be, Beliefs and moral values. The focus of our work will be Islam, with the Key Question- does belief of Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?

Homework

Homework will be set daily and is due the next day, unless stated otherwise. Please note that children record their homework daily in their homework journals. Children should read daily and times tables 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', this term the focus will be on revision, specifically any areas of maths, SPAG and reading that the children have found difficult. Unfortunately, there are still a number of 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 Mary Gallop

Useful websites:

Maths and Literacy - KS2 BBC Bitesize
- iPad Apps KS2 maths

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

Science - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z3pp34j>

Citizenship & Ethics -
http://www.channel4.com/learning/microsites/L/lifestuff/content/whorules/systems/whorules_ps.html