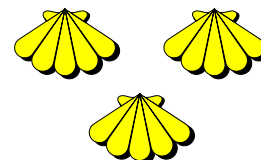


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Spring Newsletter - 2020

Year 6 - Indigo Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back, we hope you have had a very enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday. Here is a brief outline of the main topics that we will be covering this term:

In English, we will be starting the term by reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. This will be a great stimulus for our writing, as the children will write a persuasive piece, character descriptions and stories with flashbacks. The children will all be reading and discussing this text as a class, deepening their comprehension and inference skills. There will be daily grammar and spelling lessons in preparation for the forthcoming SATs in May. We will also be focusing on cross-curricular writing within History and Science.

In Maths this term, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of all areas of mathematics, using immediate assessment to highlight individual areas that need improvement. They will work hard to develop their shape and space skills, use various graphs to analyse and represent data, gain a better understanding of fractions and percentages, and solve mathematical problems. We will be focusing on strategies to use when reasoning and solving problems. Please keep practising times tables with the children at home, as a quick recall of these will help them to develop their speed in answering questions.

In Science, we will be looking at the unit Electricity. We will be researching and learning about Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. We will focus on understanding what electricity is, how we measure it and conducting their own investigations. We also will be taking part in Science week during March and will have the opportunity to visit the Science Dome in school.

In History this term, the children will be researching the Victorians. They will research the life and reign of Queen Victoria, Victorian schooling, housing and general life within this period. Using secondary sources, the children will find out about Victorian life in High Wych and research what remains in the village through looking at local buildings, maps, the census and school log book entries. We will also have a history day on Victorians on 22nd January.

In Art we will be using cross curricular links with History to explore and evaluate great Victorian artists such as William Morris. We will use clay to design and create William Morris inspired pottery.



In our French unit the children will learn how to ask what the time is in French and tell the time accurately. During a range of activities, they will learn how to say what they do at the weekend in French and integrate connectives into their work.

In RE this half term, we will be developing our knowledge of Buddhism by researching their worship and reflection. We will focus on the Eightfold Path. After half term, we will focus on the Christian concept of Salvation and what difference the Resurrection makes for Christians.

PE lessons will be on Thursdays and Fridays. They will be covering Netball skills and Dance with Mrs Clayden and a specialist PE teacher from Leventhorpe, and cricket will be carried out on Fridays with specialist coaches.

In Computing, we will be looking at the unit 'Staying Connected'. We will develop skills of sharing information online safely. We will create cross-curricular links through literacy to compose a blog as a character from our class novel and will upload digital content for a school blog.

This term Year 6 will be covering two units in Music. Across both of these we will be continuing to learn and develop our understanding of the three main dimensions of music: pulse, rhythm and pitch. This will be achieved through various games and activities relevant to the theme of the unit. For the first half term we will be looking at the composer Benjamin Britten, with most of our learning focussed around his song 'A New Year Carol'. In the second half of term we will be looking at the songs of Carole King, with a focus on 'You've Got a Friend'.

Homework will be set on a Friday to be returned on the Wednesday. The children have the opportunity to see me on Monday or Tuesday if they need any assistance with their homework and will attend homework club Friday lunchtimes if it is not completed. In addition to this, please ensure the children continue to practise the Year 5/6 spellings.

Please can the children continue to read at least **5 times a week**, as their reading fluency and ability to comprehend impacts their progress in all areas of their learning. We will check their reading records every Friday. Please also make sure that the children are reading suitable material for their age, although reading is for pleasure, we will be making sure they are reading high quality material this year. We have a large selection of age appropriate books in the classroom, which the children often take home to read.

Please could you remind your children to bring their phones to the office for the day and not to use them until they have left the premises at the end of the day. Should the children not adhere to this then we will keep the phone at school and request that you come to collect them from the office.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Miss Keep
Class Teacher

