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Curriculum News



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start another busy term, here is some information about what we are expecting to be doing over the next few months. We begin with a brief overview of each subject:

English	Spelling, All children will have weekly spellings Reading: Class shared reading sessions and group work Writing: A variety of genres including: newspaper report, story
Maths	Year 5 – multiplication and division; fractions, decimal and percentages; perimeter and area; statistics; ongoing arithmetic work Year 6 – ratio; algebra; fractions, decimal and percentages; area, perimeter and volume; statistics; ongoing arithmetic work
Science	Classification of plant and animals. Circuits, batteries and switches
History/ Geography	What did the Greeks ever do for us? Why do oceans matter?
Art/DT	Playground structures Craft and design – photo opportunity
PE	Outdoor: tag rubgy, basketball & outdoor and adventurous activity. Indoor: dance, and gymnastics
RE	Why does religion look different around the world?
French	Birthday celebrations, Colourful creatures
Music	Dynamics, pitch and texture
PSHE	Safety and the changing body, Citizenship

Reading

In school, reading takes place in a variety of contexts. Children will read aloud with an adult and discuss what they have read. Other reading activities will take place with the whole class or individually. Although children in Year 5 and 6 can read, we really hope that you will help your child by listening to them at home and discussing the content, characters and vocabulary. Research shows that even fluent readers benefit enormously from this. We will continue to check reading records weekly.

If you or a grandparent are able to spare some time to come in and listen to children read, it really would be appreciated. This could be during an afternoon or for 10 minutes during registration. Even the last 20 minutes of the day, 2 or 3 times a week would make a big difference. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

Spellings

We expect that every child will learn their spellings. These will be given out on a Friday and tested the following week. In order to learn these words, children will need to follow the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method, writing them out on the list provided in their books.

Multiplication Facts

Quick and accurate recall of tables really does assist maths work. Many children know their tables, but they can keep their skills sharp and improve further by practising on Times Table Rockstars. Children also have access to Sumdog that offers a variety of mathematical challenges.

PSHE

Towards the end of this half term, we will be delivering sex education lessons. A letter with more information will follow shortly.

P.E.

This term PE lessons will be:

Owls and Kingfishers	Thursday and Friday
Otters	Tuesday and Friday

Please remember, your child needs a spare pair of shoes in school on Friday in case the lesson is on the field.

Uniform

We have noticed that children are wearing dangly earrings, nail varnish, necklaces and inappropriate PE clothing. Please remember our jewellery policy is a stud earring only which should be removed or covered for PE. PE clothing should be black jogging bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and a plain black sweatshirt or hoodie.

'SATs'

Year 6 will be taking their 'SATs' tests from 12th – 14th May. Please ensure you do not book holidays during this period. There will be a meeting for parents on Friday 31st January at 3:30p.m. to let you know what will be involved.

Another date for the diary

Friday 14th February – Year 5 and 6 assembly, 9a.m.

We hope this has given you some idea of what we will be doing this term. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Leftley, Amy Bennett, Sarah Whatling and Clare Campbell (Class teachers)