

Year 6 Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly welcome you into the autumn term and would like to provide you with an overview of the work that your child will be covering in Year 6 during the course of this term. Our dynamic curriculum continues to develop, as we set high expectations to meet the needs of the new curriculum. Please visit our website to keep informed of any changes and developments, including: Year 6 transitions, SATs updates and supporting your child at home ('Teaching and Learning' tab). **We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to a Curriculum Evening on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 3.45 to meet us and discuss how you can support your child this term.**

English

Children are taught to develop a neat, joined, fluent style of handwriting. Spelling, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary are key aspects of English that we will continue to develop. Children will be studying two texts each over the half term. There will be a strong focus on comprehension, particularly evaluating and commenting on texts. As always, children should endeavour to read regularly at home. There will be a 'Parents English Workshop' led by a borough consultant on **Friday 22nd September at 9am**, which is designed to help parents support their children in reading.

Maths

A strong focus is given to developing mental strategies for solving real life problems, as well as speed and accuracy in calculations. They will also cover areas such as using decimals to two decimal places; estimating and measuring angles; identifying the properties of 3D shapes; representing and interpreting data. There will be a 'Parents Maths Workshop' led by a borough consultant on **Thursday 28th September at 9am**, which is designed to help parents support their children in maths.

Science/DT

Children will plan and carry out practical investigations and consider issues such as the need for fair testing. There will be 2 units of study: 'Electricity' and 'Light' through which the children will learn about circuits and components. Using this knowledge, they will be using electrical circuits to create a game; linked to our **DT** unit of work this term. This term will also include a visit to the Science Museum.

Computing

Throughout the year, the children will have a heightened focus of Online Safety within every lesson. The computing units will be 'We are game developers' through which the children will learn how to use sequence, selection and repetition using Scratch. They will also design and build their own remote controllers by programming a Makey Makey.

History

We are studying British monarchs with a focus on Queen Elizabeth II and King George VI. We will be looking at the how the end of the British Empire and the formation of the Commonwealth.

P.E.

Children will be given the opportunity to develop their Health and Fitness skills with the support of a trained professional. They will also be exploring movement in gymnastics and dance.

R.E.

We will be studying the Sikh religion and exploring what it means to be Sikh. The children will learn about the Gurus; the Gurdwara and Guru Granth Sahib. Alongside this, we will also be studying a unit on Christianity where the children will learn about what it means to be Christian, Christian festivals and the life of Jesus Christ. We will also be finding out about several religious celebrations including Eid-il-Fitr, Diwali and Christmas.

Music

Children will be working on Singing and Performing using the song, *I'll Be There* by Michael Jackson.

Art and DT

The children will be working on an extended project where they will learn how to print on fabric and develop their sewing skills to make their own reusable tote bag. To further support the children's learning, we will be visiting the Design Museum.

Homework

Please support us in reminding your child that their homework book must be treated with the same respect and care as all their other school work books. Maths homework will be set on online through Mathletics which the children will need internet access to complete. Teacher feedback on homework may be oral or written and all homework will be acknowledged. Please take time to read our homework policy on the inside covers. The Year 6 children are also to be given a homework planner which includes their reading record and targets.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Uppal, Miss Sprenger, Mrs Castellanos and Miss Chowdhury