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Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to welcome the children back into school after Christmas and to witness them full of enthusiasm and energy for this term's learning. I hope you all had a lovely break with them and thank you for all the kind messages and gifts received before the holidays. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term and I am sure the children will relish in the challenge and creativity they present.

Our new topic this term is about food and farming: the children will look at how location and season affect the food available to us; how this has changed over time; and discuss the impact of importing over eating locally. As part of this learning we hope to include a trip out and some speakers in, to bring the concepts alive for the children, more details to follow once they are confirmed.

Year 6 Parents' Information Evening - Tuesday 24th January 2023 5:30-6:00pm

We would like to invite Year 6 parents/carers to an information evening about the Year 6 SATs assessments due to be sat by your children in May. The meeting will help you to gain a greater understanding of the preparation your children will be making for these and also provide information on how to support your child during this time.

Finally, Year 5 children will commence their swimming block later this term, a separate letter will follow with further details.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding your child's learning.

Aidan Richards
Phase leader

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Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term

English

The children in Year 5 will be using Shakespeare (A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet), Colin Thompson and Shaun Tan as authors for exploring different texts and as a stimulus for different genres of writing.

In Year 6, the children will be looking at stories with a theme of heroes and legends to produce a variety of fiction and non-fiction pieces. Within their writing, the children will be focusing on audience and purpose, whilst using a wide and varied range of punctuation. The children will also be working on their comprehension skills, ensuring they respond to their questions with fully explained and evidenced points.

Children should continue to read at least 20 minutes per night and, where appropriate, ensure they are completing their individual targeted time on Nessy or Reading plus.

Reading records **must** be returned to learning group teachers **every Monday**.

Maths

This term, children in Year 5 will be working on the written methods for multiplication and division, using these to solve problems and reason. In addition, they will be moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages. The children in Year 6 will initially look at decimals and percentages, before moving onto algebra, ratio and proportion. Throughout the term the children will continue to work on their arithmetic skills, securing fluency in the four operations.

Weekly home learning will continue to be used to consolidate learning in school or as an assessment of prior learning. This will be set on Education City **every Wednesday**.

Art

They explore the work of Pablo Picasso and Rembrandt and are introduced to a range of shading techniques.

Home learning project: To explore the sculptural potential of natural materials to create land art installations. Further details to follow.

PSHE

In our Jigsaw programme, this term we will be discussing 'Dreams and goals: having a positive attitude; motivation and resilience; and encouraging teamwork'.

Science

They will learn about food webs and animal life cycles, including how living things are dependent on one another within a habitat. They will investigate the different ways that plants reproduce and will dissect flowering plants to identify the different structures.

French

The children will be learning about sports and the verb 'faire' (to do) as well as looking at negatives for sports they do not do.

PE

In indoor PE, the children will have a half term of dance and one of gym.

In outdoor PE, we will be looking at Health Related Fitness and Cricket.

Please ensure children have the correct, warm gym kit on their respective days.

Geography

In the Sow, Grow and Farm project, your child will learn about allotments in the United Kingdom and how the government encouraged people to have them to support food rationing during the Second World War. They will have the opportunity to learn about farming in the United Kingdom and the techniques used in modern farming, including the challenges that farmers face. They will learn about the benefits of eating seasonally and about the pros and cons of importing food. They will also learn about world farming and how the different climate zones affect where different foods can be grown.