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Year 6 Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to welcome the children back to school and we have a brilliant year planned for them. This newsletter is designed to inform you what the children will be learning about in the Autumn Term.

English

We are going to begin by reinforcing the children's foundational English knowledge and this will be linked to a text, *The Watertower* by Gary Crew. Following this, children will continue to learn following the Talk for Writing process beginning with a science fiction unit with a description toolkit focus. We will also be exploring chronological reports in Autumn 2.

Maths

We are going to be following the Power Maths scheme this year and begin with a place value within 10,000,000 unit. Over Autumn we will also be reinforcing and extending the children's learning in regards to the four operations. This will include children looking at long division for the first time. In addition to this, we will also be exploring fractions and measurements (imperial and metric).

Science

In science this half term, we will be looking at the human body with a focus on the heart and the circulatory system. Children will begin developing their vocabulary in this area and will be able to explain what vein, arteries and capillaries are and their purposes. In Autumn 2, we will be looking at the classification of living things. This will involve investigating the five kingdoms of living things as well as exploring further sub-divisions of groups. During this unit, we will also be looking at a very important person, Carl Linnaeus and studying his system of taxonomy.

History

Our history topic for the first half term is going to be World War 1. This unit builds on chronologically from the children's learning in Year 5 and allows them to apply their knowledge of Britain before the war to develop a deeper understanding of the causes and consequences of WW1 on Britain and the wider world. We then build on our WW1 understanding by looking at the Suffragette movement, which actually began before the war started. This unit involves learning and comparing the campaigns of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies – led by Millicent Fawcett – and the Women's Social and Political Union led by Emmeline Pankhurst.

Geography

We begin the first half term by looking at Spatial Sense. This includes learning about latitude and longitude, arctic and Antarctic circles, time zones and maps of the world. In the second half term, we will be looking at British Geological Issues and exploring air pollution and climate change.

Art

We will be introducing children to the art of the Italian renaissance era in Autumn 1 which will look at a range of different artists and their accompanying work. This includes Leonardo and his painting technique in the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper. Children will then produce detailed observational drawings of their own hands at the end of the unit. In Autumn 2, we will be building on the children's knowledge of the renaissance and focus on architecture and sculpture. This involves exploring the work of the architect Brunelleschi and his design for the dome of Florence cathedral. We will also look at the work of Michelangelo, including both his paintings and sculptures.

Music

Miss Baker is going to continue teaching the class their music lessons. The children will be exploring Samba music using drums and body percussion and then after half term, they will be looking at Pharrell Williams 'Happy'.

P.E.

Our P.E. days for this term are on Monday and Friday. Please ensure that children come into school in the correct kit.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday with it to be returned the following Wednesday. Homework will include spellings, 3x reading diary comments and a maths task which will vary weekly. Children can practise their spellings on Spelling Frame and the test will always be the following Friday. We will also continue to use Times Table Rockstars regularly, especially during the Autumn term to aid fluency with our maths unit on the four operations.

Kind regards,

Mr Popey