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### Class 6 Curriculum Letter-Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Class 6. We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer holiday. The children have returned to school well and have quickly settled into new routines.

#### **Curriculum**

Mrs Harris will teach the class on Mondays to Wednesdays and will focus on the narrative aspect of English, arithmetic in Maths, History, Art and DT, RE and PSHE whilst Mrs Bennett will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays and will look at a variety of non-narrative genres in English, topic Maths, Science, Computing, Music. PE will be taught by both of us. Mrs Jackson will continue to support us throughout the week.

#### **English**

Within English, the children will learn how to write for a range of purposes and audiences. They will learn how to select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires. We will look at a wide range of texts and genres such as autobiographies and biographies as well as persuasive writing.

#### **Maths**

In arithmetic we will begin with place value before moving on to the four rules of number. Our work will have a strong focus on problem solving and investigative skills. In topic Maths, the children will develop a deeper understanding of 2D and 3D shape. Not only will they be able to classify a wide range of shapes using technical vocabulary but they will also be able to draw a wide range of 2D shapes using protractors and rulers accurately. We will also look at statistical data and how to interpret and present given information including using pie charts.

#### **History**

Our history topic this term is Victorians. If there are any experts out there Mrs Harris will be pleased to hear from you. We will look at a range of areas within this topic including The British Empire, School Life, Children at Work and also Inventions. To support our topic we will explore some historical texts in our English lessons and will base some of our art around the Victorian designer William Morris.

#### **Computing**

In computing, we will be exploring how to create presentations using hyperlinks. These presentations will be linked to our history and science topics. We will also continue to develop our coding skills using Touch Develop. A key element to our computing lessons will be to look at staying safe on line and consider how we post and respond to messages.



## Science

In science, we are exploring light in the first half term. They will look at how light is reflected and how light travels. The children will also be encouraged to set up their own investigations to prove or refute theories and ask questions about the science that they are studying. After half term we will look at the circulatory system and describe the effects of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on how the body functions.

## PE

PE will be taught on Tuesdays and Fridays. During the term the children will develop a range of skills within dance, gymnastics and invasion games and will be taking part in inter house competitions within the sports that they are learning. Please be aware that all children will need to wear shin pads and gum shields in order to play hockey. We won't be starting this topic until the beginning of November. We can provide gum shields in school but most children prefer to have their own – they will need them at their next school too. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day.

## Homework

We do encourage the children to become more independent this year in readiness for secondary school. They should now start to organise their time and themselves! The need to organise themselves has been explained in their homework diaries and they must make sure that their homework is put in their bags on completion, ready to be handed in the following day. This is encouraged so that it is not hidden and then lost under a pile of things in their bedroom! It may also be a good idea to encourage your child to do smaller amounts of homework over several nights rather than in one large amount. This should ensure that it is not all being left until a Sunday night!

Spellings will be sent home on Fridays by Mrs Bennett to learn for a test the following Friday. A spelling sheet will also be handed out to reinforce the spelling work. Reading homework is ongoing and should be done for at least twenty minutes every day. Most children are already in the routine of reading before they go to bed. Reading daily is the key to much of the work in class 6. Times tables are essential this year and most Maths will include multiplication/division skills. Maths homework will be set by the appropriate groups' teacher.

## Homework timetable

Subject	Teacher	Handed out	Handed in
Spelling	Mrs Bennett	Friday	Friday
Maths	Mrs Bennett	Friday	Thursday
Maths	Mrs Tovey	Monday	Monday
English	Mrs Harris	Monday	Monday

Could we please ask that you sign the homework diary weekly so that we know you have seen the homework set. In theory, the children should be independent and ask you to sign their book but they may need a reminder.

If you have any concerns or problems during the term, then please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.

Best wishes

Mrs N Harris

Mrs C Bennett