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CLASS 6 SPRING CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

A Happy New Year to you all.

After a busy Christmas period we have now begun the new term with renewed activity in Class 6. This term is one packed with new work, revision for SATs and preparation for our PGL activity week.

English

In English we are going to be using several sort films to enhance our writing. In fiction, the children will start to be able use flash backs within their stories. We will move on to writing non-chronological reports, balanced arguments and finally first person recounts. Throughout each unit, we will be thinking about making our writing really interesting for the reader and creating suspense and tension where appropriate.

Grammar and writing tasks will be sent home for homework throughout the term. They will mostly be 30 minute tasks. If it is a writing task then the first draft (unaided) should be handwritten in the homework book. Writing will be teacher assessed this year with a written grammar, punctuation and spelling test to help inform the assessment level.

Maths

In Maths this term, Mrs Harris will be concentrating on decimals, percentages and fractions alongside investigative maths. Mrs Bennett will be introducing simple formula, aspects of statistics such as pie charts, as well as continuing to develop the children's knowledge of shape and measures. Problem solving will be a key aspect of our maths curriculum this term.

Science

Science focuses on Living Things this term. The first half of the term we will be developing the children's understanding of living things and their environments. Within this topic we will explore how we classify animals and create our classifications. During the second half of the term the children will start to look at evolution and adaptation. There will be a much bigger emphasis on working scientifically within our topic and the children will have further chance to set up their own investigations. Please find attached a list of key vocabulary connected to our science topics this year.

Geography

The children will be looking at a topic called "In the News". This looks at current affairs locally, nationally and worldwide. This is alongside our main topic of Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes.



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Computing

Computing will continue to be taught through many subjects but our computing lessons will have a focus on film making as well as exploring online safety.

P.E

In our games lessons, the children will be developing their football skills with Chris Webster. Please ensure that your child has a complete P.E kit in school every day. At this time of year, we do encourage that they children bring in warm jogging trousers and a warm top to wear – please ensure that these are black, blue, green or grey and with no logos.

In dance and gymnastics, the children will be exploring their own compositions and sequences using techniques taught within the sessions.

PGL

PGL will soon be here! Don't forget to keep all the old clothes and trainers or visit the charity shops for old socks, trousers etc. ready for the 'fun and games' at Beam House! We have our PGL meeting on Wednesday 12th February at 3.30pm to answer any questions you may have. To help prepare your child for PGL it might be a good idea to ensure that they have experienced a sleepover before we go so that they are used to sleeping away from home.

As always, we are available before school from 8am should you wish to telephone or pop into school, and most nights from 3.35pm. Please feel free to contact us either in the homework diary or personally if there are any problems. We would be grateful if you would please sign the homework diary each week to let us know that you have seen the week's homework, and that it has been carried out.

Best wishes for a happy and successful 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Harris & Mrs C Bennett