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SUMMER TERM 2021 CLASS 6 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. It has been really lovely to see everyone again and the children are just as excited at being back in the classroom as we are.

As you may well be aware the children will not be sitting their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) this year as they have been cancelled due the global pandemic and the changes to school life the children have encountered. Normal termly assessments will take place in school towards the end of the summer term to help us provide data for their ongoing secondary schools.

CURRICULUM

In **English**, we have already started our new unit on The Highwayman. Through this unit we will continue to develop our vocabulary skills, sentence structures and punctuation skills in a range of genres including poetry, letters and newspaper writing. To increase the children's independence skills they will be able to select their own genre at the end of the unit to write a similar tale based on the poem. Later in the term we will look at Shackleton's Journey. Here the children will continue to develop their independent writing by creating their own version of the book.

In **Maths**, we will continue to place emphasis on the four operations ensuring that all children have a sound knowledge of these before moving on to their next school. To assist with their fluency, we have purchased Times Tables Rock Stars and the children have all been given their user name and password so that they can practice their tables. There will also be a strong emphasis on problem solving this term so that they can apply their knowledge in a variety of problems. After half-term, we will give the children a maths project to work on in pairs where they will design their own theme park within a given budget. Here they will continue to use all four operations and use their understanding of shape, space and measure but they will also learn about budgets, profit and loss.

Our **history** topic for this term is Anglo Saxons and we will be spending time looking at historical artefacts to help us identify how people lived in the past. We will link a lot of our learning to our English lessons so that we have a more cross-curricular approach.

In **science**, we will start with our topic on Evolution and Inheritance. Thank you for sending in your wonderful photos – it really helped the children's understanding of inheritance and variation. Within this topic, the children will look at how animals have adapted to suit their environments, how we can learn about evolution through fossils and they will also study Charles Darwin. We will continue to develop our practical science skills too and the children are already looking forward to investigating the strength of eggs (it may get messy). After this, we will move on to a much more practical topic of Electricity where we will make a variety of circuits for different purposes and develop their prior knowledge of symbols, conductors and insulators. This will link perfectly to our **design and technology** topic where we will be creating our own small fairground rides using motors.

In **RE**, we start to consider the theme: The Journey of Life and Death. We will also consider how faith helps people when life gets hard, within these themes we will explore our own and other's beliefs and experiences.



In **PSHE**, we will support the children with their transition to secondary school. We will also be looking at the next part of our sex and relationship education.

In **PE** Alex Clements, from Ottery St Mary Cricket Club will be delivering our weekly cricket sessions with Class 6. We will also continue to play rounders as well as developing a range of skills in athletics.

Summer Show

The Summer term is usually full of wonderful activities for Class 6 and we will do our very best to ensure that they have a fabulous end to their time at West Hill whilst complying with any COVID regulations.

The children will soon come home with a script for Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits to start rehearsing. Auditions will take place in school before half term. At the moment we are unsure if we will be allowed to perform with a live audience but we will keep you updated on how we will enable you to see their show. The children are very keen to start rehearsing and have been looking forward to this all year.

PGL

Hopefully you have received your information pack, final balance to pay and several forms that need returning to school. Please contact the school office if you have not received these forms. We will be holding an information meeting on Wednesday 12th May at 4.00pm via the link on your child's Google Classroom.

Leavers' Assembly

Usually we like to invite our parents in to see the Class 6 final assembly. Once again, we need to wait for amendments to COVID regulations. If we are allowed to invite parents into school for performances and assemblies than we will send out the dates with as much notice as possible.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given your children during their time in Class 6. Your children have been an absolute delight to teach both in school and on-line. We will really miss this class when they move on to secondary school.

Kind regards,

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Class 6 teachers

