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Year 6 Spring Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an exciting curriculum planned for Year 6 across the Spring term and we would like to share our upcoming learning with you.

English

Year 6 will be exploring a wide array of engaging units including Tales of Fear with a focus on suspense and a separate unit on biography writing. We will also be recapping prior knowledge of grammar and building upon this by looking at punctuation such as semi-colons and colons and exploring active/passive voice.

Maths

We will be continuing to follow the Power Maths scheme and will be looking at decimals, ratio and proportion, algebra, percentages and measurement. We will also be looking to reinforce times tables and constantly revisiting arithmetic style questions and different strategies including the various formal written operations.

History

Our history unit across the Spring studies World War II. In Spring 1, children learn about the impact of the armistice and Treaty of Versailles with a focus on the rise of Hitler. Spring 2 will focus on how the war was fought across the world between 1939-45 with time also spent learning about the Holocaust.

Science & DT

In Spring 1, children will learn about Electricity and this will build upon their prior learning in Year 2 and 4. Children will use symbols to represent components in a circuit and will build on their understanding of batteries and voltage, including looking at Alessandro Volta. This will also tie in with our DT unit where children will create their own electronic greeting card. In Spring 2, we will be exploring light which builds on from the Year 3 learning on light. We will be investigating how light behaves and how the eye functions.

Geography

Children are going to be looking at North America. Children will learn about cities, rivers and biomes in North America. We will then explore South America which will include looking at the Incas and how they built a civilisation in the mountains.

Art

In art, children will be exploring Victorian architecture. We will look at prominent buildings in London and then progress to learning about Pre-Raphaelite artists.

Computing

Children will continue to use Purple Mash and we will be exploring spreadsheets using the 2Calculate software.

S.R.E/PHSE

In SRE, children will be learning about the nature and consequences of discrimination, including the use of prejudice-based language. We will also be exploring the terminology used to describe gender and sexuality. Following this, children will learn that some cultural practices are against British law and universal human rights, including female genital mutilation (FGM).

We have begun following the Jigsaw scheme for PHSE and this term we will be looking at the 'Dreams and Goals' unit. Children will learn about the importance of staying motivated when finding something challenge and the importance of working well with others.

P.E

P.E will continue to be on a Monday and Friday. The only exception will be in the first two weeks of Spring 1 (11th and 18th January) where we have forest school on a Thursday. P.E will only be on a Friday in these weeks.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday with it to be returned the following Wednesday. Homework will continue to be spellings, 3x reading diary comments and a minimum of two tasks set in CGP workbooks. The activities can be supported through the use of the revision guides.

Knowledge organisers have been sent home and can be found on the school class page. Should you have any questions in regards to the children's learning, please contact me via the school office email.

Kind regards,

Mr Popey