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Year 5 and 6 **Autumn Term 1**

A very warm welcome to all our Year 5/6 families! We are excited to begin this new school year as a mixed-aged class and are looking forward to all the opportunities and challenges it will bring. We can't wait to get to know the children, build a strong classroom community and see them grow in confidence, independence and resilience throughout the year. We have lots of exciting learning planned for Autumn Term 1 and are looking forward to getting started!

English

In Writing, we are exploring suspense writing through the traditional tale *Hansel and Gretel*. We will be developing our vocabulary and sentence-writing skills to create suspense and keep our readers interested. We will then move on to writing a balanced argument, learning how to present different viewpoints and support our ideas with reasons and evidence.

Maths

This term, we will be focussing upon Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, and Multiplication and Division. In Place Value, we will be learning about how the number system works in ones, tens and hundreds and in columns (as shown below in the number houses).

Science

Science will be taught across two terms, up until Christmas. Our topic is electricity, where we will explore circuits, electrical components, conductors and insulators, voltage and current, electrical safety, and renewable energy. We will also learn about important figures in the history of electricity, including Alessandro Volta and Thomas Edison. The knowledge organiser will support the key vocabulary and knowledge we will develop throughout the unit.

Computing

This term, we will be learning about E-safety and computing systems and networks.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term, the topic is 'Being Me in My World'. As part of this, we will be looking at being a global citizen and our rights and responsibilities within the classroom.

History

In History, we will be studying the Ancient Greeks. We will explore how Ancient Greece was formed, how society was structured, the introduction of democracy, what the Ancient Greeks believed in and the lasting legacy they have left on the world, including the Olympic Games. We will then demonstrate our knowledge and understanding by completing an extended piece of writing.

Art and Design

In Art, we will be studying the work of **Banksy**, exploring his distinctive style and the messages behind his artwork. The children will then use what they have learned to create their own Banksy-inspired **artwork**, developing their ideas and using art to communicate a message.

Music

In Music, we will be focussing upon classical music. In Year 6, we will be learning about Ludwig Van Beethoven. We will listen to the music appraise it, look to repeat key phrases using glockenspiels and to improvise our own composition.

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Religious Education (R.E.)

In R.E., we will be studying Christianity, where we will be learning about how Christians live and thinking about 'What would Jesus do?'

Modern Foreign Languages – French

In French, we will learn how to say and share the date, including important dates throughout the year. We will revise the days of the week, months of the year and numbers from 0–31. We will also develop our speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through a range of fun and engaging activities.

Physical Education (P.E.)

In P.E. we will be focusing upon invasion games, this will be through the sport of basketball.

Important information

Year 5 and 6 P.E. days:

Wolf Class (Mr Parker) – Thursday

Eagle Class (Miss Lafford) – Thursday

Panda Class (Mrs Austin) – Friday

Children should attend school in their P.E. kit on only the day that their class is taking part in PE.

Homework will be sent home on Fridays as and when required to support learning in the classroom.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. We are really looking forward to working with you and your children this year and can't wait to see all that they achieve.

Mr Parker, Miss Lafford, Mrs Austin and the Year 5/6 Team.

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