

Year 6 Newsletter



Autumn Term 2020

Dear parents / carers

Welcome back to a new academic year after what has been too long! It has been so lovely to see the children back together again and settling into the routine of learning very quickly indeed.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be giving the children some assessment tasks in English and maths so that I can see what their starting points are in these areas. This means that we can design the learning and the timetable around their needs after the prolonged hiatus in their education.

Our themes for this term are:

- The Stone, Bronze and Iron Age
- Water
- Travel

and we will explore skills across a range of subjects within these contexts.....

The children will:

- Write explanations, letters and arguments based on historical research
- Create jewellery / beakers inspired by Stone Age artefacts
- Gain a greater understanding of UK geography by mapping ancient, relevant places of interest and by learning about counties within the UK
- Learn the latest scientific thinking on evolution; inheritance and adaptation of animals and plants
- Revise understanding of materials and changes of state – particularly evaporation and condensation
- Paint water with reference to artists famous for their water artwork
- Write: a description; an explanation of erosion and deposition in rivers and coasts; the history of a river
- Appreciate music (Handel's Water Music) and compose music based on rain

In other areas of the curriculum, children will look at:

- In daily maths lessons: place value, calculation and all forms of fractions
- Later this term in English: fiction writing stimulated by film
- Coding in computing;
- The history of 20th century music
- Central beliefs of six major religions in RE
- grammatical conventions in French
- Sports Hall Athletics, Tag Rugby, gymnastics / dance and netball / bench ball in PE

I have not included everything that we hope to get through, but this will at least give you a flavour of what we will be doing up until Christmas!

PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Fridays, so please make sure the children are dressed in their kits on these days. In addition, please ensure that the children bring in a drink every day and a good-sized snack.

If you have any concerns, please catch me at the door. I am always happy to chat about your children!

Mrs Bex Carter,

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