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Year 6 Newsletter Summer Term 2020

A message from Mrs Blakeley.

Welcome to your summer newsletter which has been strange for teachers to write due to the uncertain times in which we find ourselves.

As I write we have just heard we are closed to all except children of key workers until the 7th May and we already miss the children immensely, we long to be back together.

The teachers have set out some learning tasks to help you with your children at home and this newsletter also includes things you need to know if we return this term (PE requirements etc). We are trying to act in as normal a way as possible.

Regular updates are key to effective communication and we have tried very hard to open all possible avenues to keeping you informed.

Please enjoy the activities we have set and do keep in touch by e-mail, messenger etc.

Stay safe.

Mrs Blakeley.

Summer Term Topics

Topic work this term will focus around the question “Can Art Tell a Story?” Our work is heavily influenced by art and RE and children’s learning is focused on learning about religious images and how they tell stories. Our English focus on Traditional Tales is entwined into our art work also and will help the children to develop their creative skills alongside their academic within such a significant period of their school life. Whilst the children are away from school, I encourage them to explore religious images and consider their implications and impact, how they may be used to tell stories and how belief can be presented in visual form. At the present time, research can be used to aid this process. The children will also take this religious imagery research and consider religions that may not be familiar to them, by looking at the festival of Diwali and how imagery is presented for the followers of the Sikh and Hindu faiths. Within the topic grids which you receive, there are numerous opportunities for creativity which I hope the children will enjoy.

Our Science topic work this term is ‘Animals including Humans’, where we will be looking at the human body with regards identification and explanation of the vital organs. Again, within the topic grids there is reference to this and at present the children will be considering these essential organs and why these play such a important part.





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Reading

Please encourage your children to read during, and of course following, this lockdown. It is vital for now and for their futures that they persist and develop fluency and understanding. This is a skill which you know will pay the children back numerous times over and the more polished the skill, the greater the rewards.

When children read to an adult, it can be extremely beneficial not only to listen to them, but also to discuss their reading; making predictions, expressing opinions, finding evidence to justify their thoughts etc. These skills can really help to bring on Year 6 pupils' comprehension and help them to become even more fluent and capable readers.

Spelling

Within your homework packs, you will find spellings set out for the next 11 school weeks. I am not stating that all of these will be needed but it will give the children an insight into what is coming up. Please encourage your children to practise their spellings and continue to develop their skills here. All spellings are in print form as mentioned and they will also be on Spelling Shed. Each child has an individual pack and on that pack their individual user names and passwords are highlighted to aid this process. Each week, a new set of spellings will be uploaded for the year group and the spellings for that week will be available from the Monday to the Sunday of the week.

Times Tables

As with spellings, it is also vital that the children practise their times tables. They can use Times Table Rock Stars to do this and just like Spelling Shed, your child's individual log in details will be stated on their homework packs.

Useful Websites

<https://whiterosemaths.com>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

<https://ttrockstars.com><https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

If we do return to school this term, please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday and leaves it in school for the week. Remember PE kit is black shorts, white top and pumps/trainers.

Kind regards,

Mr Emmerson

