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Autumn 2 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We are excited to share with you the exciting learning that is going to be taking place this term.

In maths, we are going to be revisiting, and building on, the children's knowledge of fractions! Using the mastery approach, we started the term by recapping and reasoning using their basic fractions knowledge. We will be moving on to adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions with like, and unlike, denominators. There will be constant opportunities for children to deepen their fractions knowledge every step of the way if they are feeling confident with this already. We'll end the term with some creative problem solving to amalgamate everything we've looked at so far.

In literacy, we are exploring the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. So far, we have enjoyed using drama to explore the character of Stanley Yelnats. As our first writing task this term, we will be using these insights to write an informal letter from Stanley's perspective to capture his voice.

In reading, we will continue to explore a range of texts and activities, recapping and building on their knowledge and understanding of the key reading skills. We will also be continuing to explore Greek Myths as our class book. The children have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the highs and lows on Mount Olympus - this always generates a great deal of debate and discussion after each session!

In science this term we are learning about light. The children will conduct an investigations to explore how we can affect the size of a shadow, and over the course of the term they will be able to explain how light travels.

The children will be getting stuck into some fantastic learning experiences with the wider curriculum this term. In DT, the children will be designing and making a sustainable product. In computing, the children are going to be continuing to develop their digital literacy by applying the computing skills within our wider curriculum subjects. This term will also see the continuation of our history topic from last term. Our learning about Ancient Greece will culminate in our 'Ancient Greek Day' on Friday 17th November, where the children will be transported back in time by the Freshwater Theatre Company! We are inviting everyone to dress up as an Ancient Greek on that day if they wish!

In geography, the children will be continuing to explore the physical and human features of North America. As part of this topic, our next school trip will be to the Horniman Museum on Tuesday 16th January – we will be asking parent helpers for this nearer the time!

PE Days:

This term, the PE days have shifted slightly due to our Christmas Show rehearsal timetable, and because we have an exciting opportunity for some coaches from Blackheath Rugby Club to come in and lead coaching sessions each Tuesday until Christmas.

Miss Franklin's Class: Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Mr Vousden's Class: Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)

Please make sure your child wears trainers and comfortable clothes that they can easily move around in on these days, such as leggings or tracksuit bottoms. Please note, indoor PE will be in bare feet. If your child is not able to take part in PE due to illness or injury, please provide them with a letter to inform the class teacher.

Upcoming dates for Year 6:

Friday 17th November – Ancient Greek Day

Friday 1st December – Times Tables Rock Stars Day (more information to follow!)

Tuesday 19th December – 6.30pm Y5&6 Christmas Show – **Year 5 Parents invited**

Wednesday 20th December – 6.30pm Y5&6 Christmas Show – **Year 6 Parents invited**

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term

Friday 22nd December – Christmas holidays start!

Tuesday 16th January – Y6 trip to the Horniman Museum

Thank you for your ongoing support.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Franklin and Mr Vousden