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Autumn 1 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back the new Year 6 classes to the top floor. Below is an outline of the topics the children will be learning about throughout this term.

In maths, we will be working on our number fluency, including comparing, ordering and rounding whole numbers up to ten million. The children will build upon previous number learning, including the four operations, factors, prime numbers, square and cube numbers and the order of operations. They will all have many opportunities to put their number fluency to the test across the term in challenging problem-solving and reasoning tasks. Attached to this email you will also find three White Rose workbooks. This is to give you a basic idea of what we are covering in class – feel free to practice this with your child if you wish to!



We are taking part in a trust-wide, whole-school literacy project on *The Tempest* this term. We will explore the text in class (a modern language version, but we will be exploring some of the original text too!), and we will be producing several pieces of creative writing based on the text. To deepen learning further, we will be going to see a production of *The Tempest* at the Unicorn Theatre next week!

In reading we will be exploring a range of texts, recapping and building on their knowledge and understanding of the key reading skills: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise.

Science this term will be all about electricity. We will be building on the children's prior knowledge of circuits, looking at how the circuit may be affected when changes are made to it. The children will also use symbols to represent simple series circuit diagrams.

The wider curriculum will also provide the children with some great learning experiences this term. In RE, we are looking at Sikhism and the children are

continuing to develop an understanding of the importance of a Gurdwara as a place of worship for the community, the symbols and the rituals that take place. In history, we will be taking a deep dive into Ancient Greece, learning about what life was like during this period.

For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website.

School Journey:



We are already getting excited about the Year 6 School Journey 2024! There will be an initial letter about this sent to you in the coming weeks which will detail the cost and the dates of the trip.

Cover Teachers:



We are thrilled to welcome back Ms Rowe and Ms Thorn to the top floor this year! Mr Vousden's class will be covered by Ms Rowe on a Thursday afternoon each week.



Miss Franklin's class will be covered by Ms Thorn on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon, and all day on Friday each week.

PE Days:

Miss Franklin's Class: **Mondays (indoor)** and **Wednesdays (outdoor)**

Mr Vousden's Class: **Mondays (indoor)** and **Tuesdays (outdoor)**

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.

We look forward to sharing some of the children's wonderful learning with you at parents' evening later this term.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Franklin and Mr Vousden