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Spring 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 will be learning about basic algebra, as well as looking at different types of graph, and learning about the 'mean' in statistics. Children will also recap their shape knowledge (including angles) and learn about 3D shapes and their nets. Additionally, we will be recapping area and perimeter, and we will introduce volume. Finally, we will be doing lots of revision of number (including fractions) and four operations to continue to improve our fluency!

In literacy, we have started the term by developing a balanced argument in response to the 'news' that the school day will be changing to run from 7am to 5pm. Interestingly, the children seem to have fallen sharply on one side of this argument...!

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 are continuing to read 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell as our class book, which we are loving so far!

In science this term we are learning about evolution. We started by learning about inherited characteristics, using Peggy as our case study! We look at which characteristics she had inherited from each of her parents. We will go on to look at adaptation, and then we will study the evidence for evolution – fossils!

The children will be getting stuck into some fantastic learning experiences with the wider curriculum this term. In history, we will continue to focus on Britain since 1945, specifically looking at the role of women.

In geography, the children will be continuing to explore the physical and human features of North America. This term, we will specifically be looking at natural disasters, with a case study of the East Coast of the USA. We are going to be looking at hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes and more!

In PE, we have several sessions with Ursula our gymnastics coach to complete our indoor PE topic! Outdoor PE will be looking at netball and handball, with a focus on strategies to keep possession and shooting.

PE Days:

This term, the PE days will be as follows:

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

Mr Vousden's Class: Monday (outdoor) and Friday (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. There are currently children arriving at school wearing clothes and shoes not appropriate for PE on their PE day. When this happens continually, this is a barrier to their progress in the subject.

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:

Thursday 29th February - Book Fair

Friday 1st March – If you can, please hand in any School Journey medication and dietary forms by today (this is not a hard deadline; we will accept them until the morning of the trip, but it really helps us to get as many as we can in beforehand!)

Tuesday 5th March – Class Photo

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – children are invited to dress up!

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March – School Journey

Thank you for your ongoing support.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Franklin and Mr Vousden