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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.

Maths 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. Children 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 – feel free to practise this with your child if you wish to!

Literacy We are beginning the year with a whole school project based on *The Last Zookeeper*. Through the lens of this beautiful book, the children will be refining their understanding of writing to create atmosphere and the use of expanded noun phrases. Our reading learning will be based on Louis Sachar's classic *Holes*. Children are welcome to bring in their own copy of the book if they'd like. We will also be developing their oracy skills through weekly Book Talk sessions.

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 to PGL Osmington Bay in March 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.

PE Days:

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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,

Mrs Gambier and Miss Holder