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Year 6 Half Termly Update Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents,

We have officially completed one half term of Year 6! And what a busy half term it was. The Year 6 Team have been incredibly impressed by the efforts of the children and their commitment to their work. We hope that this continues throughout the half term as we make our way towards the Christmas break. At the end of this half term we will have a parents' evening where we can discuss any concerns or questions you might have about your child. Please also remember that if your child would like to attend the Cardfields trip in July, you must pay give in the letter ready to set up payments.

Speak to any members of the Year 6 Team if you have any questions.

Many thanks!

Year 6 Team

Writing

We will be linking our writing to our Science topic with a diary entry from the perspective of Charles Darwin.

After looking at a range of poetry in reading, we will be composing our own poems. We will be exploring a range of different grammar strategies that will support our writing such as: using the passive, higher level punctuation and multi-clause sentences. Additionally, we will be working on our editing skills every Friday.

Reading

This half term we will be reading [The Girl of Ink and Stars](#) by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.

Throughout our reading, we will continue to build on the reading strategies we have learnt:

- Retrieve information from a text
- Infer information from a text
- Make predictions about a text
- Summarise what they have read
- Understand and explain the choices that authors have made
- Make connections and links between things they have read

Maths

Throughout the year, we will continue to recap the four operations needed across arithmetic. Therefore, it is essential that all children in Year 6 know all of their times tables. Each week there will be an opportunity to recap these skills in an arithmetic based lesson. We will also look at decimals and percentages, the children will learn how to convert them and use both decimals and percentages in calculations. Building on this, we will look at statistics, measure, ratio and proportion and geometry. This will build on the children's prior mathematical knowledge, but will also enhance their understanding. There will be a push on reasoning problems, this includes answering word problems and understanding how to apply their mathematical knowledge to the wider world.

Science

This half term, we will be looking at: Evolution and Inheritance. Children will learn to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Building on this, they will identify and give examples of how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. Finally, we will find out about work by palaeontologist Charles Darwin and explore how he developed his ideas. We will be visiting the Natural History Museum to do an evolution workshop on the 5th December.

RE

We will be thinking about the question: Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity? We will focus on the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity.

Geography

We will be looking at the United Kingdom and our local area. The children will find out about different cities in the U.K. before moving on to looking at human and physical features around the U.K. We will discuss how London has changed over the years and study O.S. maps and their symbols. We will finish the unit by creating our own O.S. map of the area surrounding Duncombe.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Thursdays. The children should arrive to school in their PE kits on Thursdays. They will join in with team games and think about all of the physical skills they have learnt over the years. On Thursday mornings they will take part in a short dance or gymnastics lesson where they will focus on ways we can move our body.

Music

This half term, the children will have two music lesson a week with specialist teachers. They will work on rhythm and drumming skills on Wednesdays. Then on Fridays they learn composition using new software. They will learn and perform different songs, where they will control sounds through singing and instruments, as well as build technique and hopefully a passion for performing. There is also the chance to join the school choir.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays. It must be returned to school the following Friday. This half term, homework includes: a maths and reading activity in their CGP books and spellings. It is imperative that your child completes their homework each week. Please remember to check your child's spelling scores each week. Children must also complete activities on DoodleMaths and DoodleTables, due in on Thursdays, to support their maths learning. Homework club is free to attend on Tuesday and Thursdays. Please sign up in the office.