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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. 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. More information about the trip to Cardfields will come soon. Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 6 Team

Writing

After looking at a range of poetry in reading, we will be composing our own poems. We will be linking our writing to our science topic with a diary entry from the perspective of Charles Darwin. We will also write our own myth, using ideas from the text *The Girl of Ink and Stars* to inspire our writing. We will explore a range of different grammar strategies that will support our writing such as: using the passive, higher level punctuation and multi-clause sentences.

Reading

This half term, we will be reading a range of different poems and discussing their features. We will be reading *The Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. We will continue to build on the reading strategies we have learnt, including understanding and explaining the choices that authors have made, making predictions and inferring information from a text. Fluency and vocabulary will also be developed. Please continue to ask your children questions about the books they are reading at home.

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. 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.

PSHE

We will be learning about the Zones of Regulation and different strategies we can use to support our emotional regulation. We will learn about the red, green, yellow and blue zone and how to notice our emotions and emotions in others.

Geography

This half term, we will start our new unit about coasts. The children will learn about the key physical features of a coast line before moving on to study the processes that shape coasts, such as erosion and weathering. We will look at how humans have impacted coast lines and apply our knowledge by making a leaflet about coasts.

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.

Computing

This half term, children will learn about computers and how data is transferred over the internet. We will look at how the internet can be used for communication and collaboration. The children will also learn how to communicate responsibly.

Homework

Spelling homework will be sent home on Fridays. It must be returned to school the following Thursday. Doodle Spell is also available and a great way to support the children to learn their spellings. Children will be expected to be in the green zone on Doodle Maths every Wednesday. If you have issues accessing Doodle Maths, please speak to a member of the team. The children will also be given CGP books this term. More information will be sent out regarding these books later in the term.