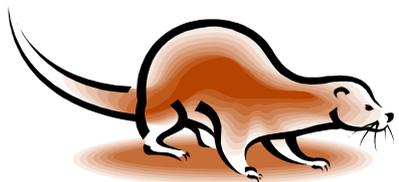


Welcome back from the Y5/6 Team



We hope you all had an exciting, enjoyable and fun-filled Summer! We all did. Now we're back to school we'd like to share with you a brief outline of some of the work the children will be covering over the coming term. The title of our main topic is Mud, Sweat and Tears (of joy, of course) and this will be evident across the curriculum. We have Heatree fast approaching for Y6 and Young Spirit of Adventure for Y5 as well as a number of other exciting events for the children to immerse themselves in. As always, if you would like to volunteer to help in class or have resources you think would be useful, please let us know.

Literacy

We will be teaching literacy in blocked units of work, the titles of which are: Jungle Survival – Instructions / Non Chronological Report, Narrative – Adventure based story, Pompeii linked narrative recount and one other unit TBC based on the needs of the children. Reading will take place daily and will develop the range of comprehension skills the children will need in later life. Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) will also be taught regularly both within Literacy and discreetly.

Maths

All areas of mathematics will be covered. Teaching will include practical activities, formal methods and informal methods, as well as applying maths across the curriculum. The children will be taught according to their ability and confidence. The children will be offered differentiated levels of work and will be guided to make their own choices over the level of challenge they undertake.

Science

During the first half term we will be studying plants and animals that adapt to and survive in extreme environments. In the second half of term we will learn about the human body including circulation, changes and lifestyle.

Topic

Our main topic title this term is Mud, Sweat and Tears! This will be a cross curricular project, including lots of outdoor learning. However there will also be a humanities unit on the Romans with a main focus on the Pompeii volcanic explosion. In Computing the units of focus will be – 'We are Game Developers' and 'We are Cryptographers'.

Outdoor Learning

Wherever possible we will enhance our learning using the outdoor grounds including our fabulous yurt, nature area and raised beds.

RE, French and Music

RE, French and Music will continue to be taught during the teachers' PPA (preparation, planning and assessment) time. The teachers will be – Mrs Rowe – RE, Madame Corbett – French, Mrs Davies – Music

SMSC Learning (Spiritual / Moral / Social / Cultural) & Growth Mindset

We will be continuing to develop our children through self-reflection and encouraging them to consider different learning approaches and how they impact on their learning. The children will also learn more about the British Values of – Mutual Respect & Tolerance, Democracy, Rule of Law and Individual Liberty.

Production

As in the last few years, there will be a production before Christmas which all children will be involved in – parts / jobs range from acting, singing and dancing to lighting, music and props.

P.E.

The children will take part in swimming, tennis and invasion games. House-coloured polo shirts are available from the office if you don't already have one, to be worn with black shorts and suitable trainers. For colder weather plain black / navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirt / hoodie, or alternatively dark green Manor hoodie which can be purchased from the school office. **Please make sure the children have P.E. kits in school all week** as they are sometimes needed for other activities.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday, giving teachers enough time to mark the children's books, before returning them with new homework. On most occasions homework will be related to work completed in school. Please ensure you continue to hear your child read from a range of sources – the internet, comics, brochures as well as fiction and non-fiction books and comment regularly in their planners.

What's in the News?

As the children become older they often become aware of events that are taking place in the world. We do encourage conversations about these events with a balanced / reflective ethos.

Film Consent

To enhance the children's learning, we occasionally find it useful to show clips / entire films to understand how atmosphere is created or to demonstrate life in a particular era. Sometimes these are not rated **U / PG**, thus we ask your permission to show such films. We would like to assure you that any material used, has been viewed by staff first and checked for suitability. We ask that if you have any queries, or do not wish your child to see these materials, that you let us know. If we hear nothing, we will assume that this is OK.

We are looking forward to a great action-packed start to this new academic year. We know it will be a good one!