



HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

from the Y5/6 Team

Welcome back again and Happy 2017! We hope you all had an exciting, enjoyable and fun-filled Christmas! We all did. Last term was certainly busy and the children had some wonderful experiences and this was topped off by their amazing performance of 'Cinderella & Rockerfella!'

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. Please note that due to SATs in May there will be a heavy emphasis on Maths, Literacy, Reading, Grammar and Science this term.

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: Scientific Reports, Narrative – variations on a fairy tale, Documentary and Narrative – stories within stories.

Reading will be 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 daily.

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

We will be studying the unit Forces and Motion; the main focuses being Gravity, Air Resistance, Water Resistance, Friction and Cams, Levers & Pulleys.

Topic

The main project work will be science based. However there will be opportunities for cross curricular art, SMSC, DT and computing.

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.

SATs Booster Groups

Additional booster sessions for Maths / Reading / Writing will be given to some children in Year Six to support them in preparing for their forthcoming tests.

P.E.

Year 5/6 children will be doing indoor and outdoor PE. They will take part in Gymnastics and Football. **Please make sure the children have P.E. kits in school all week** as they are sometimes needed for other activities. We encourage the children to wear correctly fitting trainers rather than plimsolls for PE as they provide better support for their feet and ankles.

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.

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.

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. Often these are not rated **U**, 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 another great term with a great group of children!