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January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Spring Term (First Half) Curriculum Update – Year 6

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the first half of the spring term.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Core Subjects		
English	This term in English, we will be learning to write: * Fiction – Classic Narrative	
	 We will also be focusing upon: Distinguishing between the language of speech and writing; Recognising vocabulary and structures for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms; Use passive verbs; Using semi colons and colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses; Using a variety of verb forms including progressive and the present perfect. 	
	These skills will be taught through topic work and work based on:The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde	
	In spellings this term, children will continue to fill the gaps in their spelling knowledge as well as learn new spellings from the year group they are in. Through Guided Reading sessions, shared reading in class and individual reading, the children will be taught the skills of using relevant quotations to support what they are saying. They will also further progress their retrieval and inference skills and continue to learn about the layout and key features of texts as well as making	

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	comments about the writers language choices and how this
	impacts on the reader.
Maths	 This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas: Algebra Properties of shapes Multiplication and division (including decimals) Fractions Measurement – Mass
	Arithmetic tests will take place throughout each week, which will aid their understanding of all four operations and times tables up to 12x12. Through continuous practice both in school and at home on TT Rockstars, this will greatly aid their speed and accuracy.
Science	 Our Science topic this term is Electricity. The children will be learning to: Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on / off position of switches. Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.
RE	 During the first half of the spring term, the children will be focusing on Life as a Hindu today. The children will cover: Brahman as one supreme deity or universal soul found in everything and its many forms; The festival of Holi and how it is celebrated; Actions and their consequences and what this means for Hindus; The Hindu Cycle of Life and the Aviators of Vishnu.
	Foundation Subjects

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History (first half term)	In this unit, the children will learn about aspects of political, social and cultural Ancient Greek life. They will focus on some areas in depth, such as the systems of government, religion and the importance of the Olympic Games. They will examine the legacy of the Ancient Greeks, and will have opportunities for further study of areas of interest.
Art	Art will be taught during the first half of the autumn term. The children will focus on colour, drawing and pattern and will be focusing their studies around the topic of 'Still Life Drawing'.
Computing	In computing this term we will be looking at Coding. The children will learn a number of skills: writing code; debugging code; identifying and using variables; identifying and using Booleans Debugging and solving errors.
PSHE	Our PSHE topic for the first half term is 'Safety First'; the children will consider what it means to take responsibility for their own safety, including the decisions they make and how they can stand up to peer pressure in a range of situations.
Foreign Languages	In Spanish lessons, the children will be exploring 'The Weekend'; children will learn to read, write and pronounce times, activities and opinions towards activities they may complete at the weekend.
Music	Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Whiteley every Tuesday – the children will be learning to play the recorder.
Physical Education	Year 6 children have PE on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.
	Please ensure that the children have their PE kit in school, long hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed. PE will be taking place outside this term, as much as possible, so children will need to ensure that they have appropriate kit.

Class homework will be sent out every **Wednesday** and should be returned to school the following **Tuesday**.

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If I, or any member of the school team can be of any help then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards for an exciting term ahead.

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