

24th April, 2015

Dear Parents,

YEAR 5 TOPIC LETTER – SUMMER TERM

Outlined below is the curriculum your child is following this term. We hope that it will be of use to you when discussing school with your child and looking for ways in which you can support your child at home.

History:

This term we will be learning about how life has changed in Britain since 1948 focusing on areas such as home life, work life, population, popular culture and technology.

Computing:

In computing this term we will continue to learn about the history of computing and the impact that technology has on our lives. We are going to be learning about digital photo manipulation and discover ways that computer programs can be used to change and alter photographs. We are going to be using a free program called Gimp to alter images and create our own fantasy images. You can download this program yourself to give your child a chance to further experiment at home. Just visit www.gimp.org and follow the instructions.

French:

We will continue to use the schemes, Tout le Monde and Language Angel. This term's units focus on musical instruments and the time.

Music:

We will be using the Sing-Up and Charanga schemes which include singing and instrument activities.

R.E.:

In RE we will be looking at the worldwide church and Christian Aid, which coincides with Christian Aid week. We will also look at famous missionaries and Christians worldwide. We will cover Pentecost and finally take a further look at Islam.

Games & P.E.:

We will be learning the skills involved in cricket and will also be doing some athletics.

Art:

Our artwork will enable the children to gain experience using a variety of materials in order to create pictures and artefacts e.g. paint, sketching pencils and pastels.

Geography:

The children will be learning about South America. We will learn about the climate, the geographical features, the industries and the people of this fascinating continent.

Maths:

Following the new maths curriculum, children will be learning and exploring numbers and the number system including fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also continue to reinforce and extend use of standard written methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will be learning how to interpret basic statistics including graphs, tables and tallies and will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

English:

Following the new English curriculum, we are going to be investigating a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also continue with our work on spelling, grammar and punctuation in order to prepare the children for the new tests that they will be taking next year.

Science:

This term we will continue with our on-going topic of life-cycles, looking in more detail at the human life cycle and how children develop as they enter puberty. We will also be learning about forces. We will investigate different types of forces and will learn about balanced and unbalanced forces. We will look at forces such as friction, gravity and air resistance and learn how they affect our everyday lives.

Design and Technology:

During our design and technology lessons, the children will be designing and making a moon buggy to be used in a manned mission to the Moon. This will link to our recent science topic on the Earth, Sun and Moon and will enable the children to think critically of their design and use their imagination and knowledge to create a model of a suitable vehicle.

Yours sincerely,

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