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What did I do at school today?

Year 6 Parent Information Letter

Terms 1 and 2 - Autumn 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of our class newsletter which contains details of what we plan to teach between now and the Christmas break. I hope you find the information useful. I look forward to meeting you all at the joint Year 5 and 6 'Meet the teacher' meeting on **Wednesday 16th September at 2.30 p.m.**

Best wishes, Mr Laurie.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Children will either take part in Read, Write, Ink sessions, an intensive phonics programme to rapidly develop Literacy skills, or investigate significant authors such as Michael Morpurgo or classics such as Oscar Wilde.



Children will have the opportunity to read to an adult at least once a week with our guided reading programme.

The children will also be taught handwriting, spelling patterns and spelling rules.

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In RE, the children will be learning about and comparing aspects of Christianity and Sikhism.

Spanish will be taught each week and vocabulary used on a daily basis.

Mathematical Development

In Numeracy we will be focusing on:

- Place value, ordering & rounding
- Understanding addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations
- Mental maths
- Measures
- Shape & space
- Making decisions and reasoning about numbers
- Problem solving



Personal Social Development

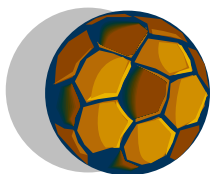
We will follow the family links 'Nurturing Programme'. This will be taught weekly through circle time, class activities and a variety of games.

Physical Development

During games lessons the children will take part in Rugby and Outdoor Adventurous Activities.

In gymnastics, the children will investigate and perform a variety of balances on apparatus.

In dance, they will learn and perform a variety of dances . They will as work as a class to produce a routine for Take Ten.



Creative Development

In Art the children will be using a photo editing programme to produce abstract photographs and/or designs.

D.T. is to link to the Egyptian topics with children making vessels and containers using modroc and clay.

Enrichment

On Fridays, the children will continue to have the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of activities which will allow them to use and develop skills from all subject areas.

General Information - Just a few reminders

- Homework - is given on a Thursday and is to be handed in on a Tuesday.
- Reading and spellings also form an important part of the homework. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could work with your child to ensure they read as much as possible at home.
- Class P.E. days are Tuesdays and Thursday. However, please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school all week as there may be occasions that require sports kit to be worn. Please also ensure they have appropriate footwear and warm clothes for outdoor games.
- Our values for this term are Quality and Care.
- It is important that children drink water throughout the day and so are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school.
- All children/parents are required to complete a home/school agreement which is used to set an achievable agreed target for the coming year. These will be given out at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting. I would appreciate you talking to your child about any area of school or home that you would like to focus on.
- There are many opportunities for your child to take part in a range of extra-curricular events. Please see the letter in the cloakroom window for more details.

Important dates!

- 2nd and 3rd November INSET Day
- Week starting 19th October Year 6 I.E.P. Meetings
- Week starting 9th November Year 6 Parents' Meetings
- 9th December Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance at 2.00 p.m.
- 17th December KS2 pantomime and Christmas party.
- **Year 6 SATs 10th –14th May 2010 - Please be aware children will undertake assessment tests on each day.**

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