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Term Ahead: October 2025 - Primary 6

Dear Families,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely October holiday! We hope that you'll find the information below useful.

Literacy and English

We are continuing to encourage a love of reading through regular reading in class and we will be continuing our novel study of Wonder. Later in the term we will be using literacy circles, where pupils will take on various roles to enhance their understanding and engagement with texts.

This term, we'll be focusing on Newspaper Reports and applying these skills to create engaging articles linked to our World War 1 topic.

In grammar, we'll be learning to use techniques such as powerful connectives, prepositions, relative clauses and parenthesis to strengthen our Newspaper Reports.

We will continue to practise spelling in class. The spelling words are attached to the Homework Wall.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This term we will be starting our new topic, WWI. We'll be exploring life in the trenches, the development of wartime technology, the roles of women and children, and the use of propaganda.

Health and wellbeing lessons will focus on the Zones of Regulation, where we will explore understanding our emotions and developing effective self-regulation strategies.

Our new class iPads are expected to arrive this term, and we're looking forward to integrating them into our learning experiences. Pupils will be a range of apps, such as one note and TEAMS whilst engaging with various tasks in class.

We will continue to use the outdoors to enhance our learning.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In Numeracy we will be learning to multiply and divide numbers using a range of strategies. We will be learning about multiples and factors using times table knowledge. We would love it if you could help your children practise their times tables at home as this will help them with multiplying and dividing.

We will also be focusing on Mental Agility, enhancing our speed and accuracy in calculations.

In December, we will apply our numeracy knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to real life contexts using money.

Administration

<u>P.E:</u> will take place on Thursday for P6B and Friday for P6A with our PE specialist, Mr Murray. Kit must be worn to school.

<u>Outdoor Learning:</u> will take place on Tuesday in our woods and the surrounding area. Children must come to school in appropriate clothing with waterproof coats and footwear.

Learning outdoors can take place at any time, in any weather. It is important that children are dressed for this. Remember that it could be sunny and warm before coming to school but cold and wet by lunchtime!

Padlet

For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our school Padlet via our school website or the QR code below.



If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office. Stuart Riches and Teri Walsh