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Term Ahead: October - December

Primary 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see the information below that outlines what we will be working on and focussing our learning around this term.

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy and English</p> <p>For reading, we will continue learning using our class novels and personal readers and use of literacy circles to develop higher order thinking skills. We will introduce a variety of sources linked into our topic for children to compare fact and opinions.</p> <p>We will be using our Climate Change topic to develop persuasive writing and we will investigate the features of poetry through festive events and nature. Finally, we will be developing VCOP in daily short writing activities.</p> <p>We are continuing to use 'Daily 5' which focusses on reading out loud, reading to self, writing, vocabulary and listening. Spelling will concentrate on a range of spelling patterns and rules which will change weekly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>Currently we are using TeeJay, White Rose Maths and Sumdog to support our numeracy and maths lessons.</p> <p>In numeracy, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will cover learning involving multiples, factors, prime numbers, multiplying and dividing by 1 and 2 digits and multiplication using the area model. We will continue to revise times table facts, with a focus table each week to increase confidence and recall of facts.</p> <p>Through practical activities in maths, we will collect data and use graphs to present our findings.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>We will continue outdoor learning through our John Muir award. This award centres around 4 main areas: discovering an area, exploring the area, conserving it and then sharing our experiences and findings. Sessions will include team building activities, survival skills, art in nature, poetry in nature, music in nature, tree planting, animal feeders and minibeast investigations.</p> <p>Our focus topic for this term will be Climate Change in line with COP26. In this topic, we will explore the actions of, and the decisions made by World leaders, carbon footprint, greenhouse gases, renewable and non-renewable energy sources, ocean pollution and endangered animals.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Admin</p> <p>P.E: will take place on Thursdays with the PE specialist Mr Murray, alternating between morning and afternoon.</p> <p>Homework: In line with the school homework policy, there will be no assigned weekly homework. We will however provide an optional home learning wall. These will focus on life skills and further support learning in class.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning: We will have weekly outdoor learning sessions every Monday. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers, wearing clothes and footwear that can get dirty and wet. We will also take every opportunity to learn outdoors so please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket, a hat and gloves.</p>

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Gaunt & Chrysa Karagianni
 Class Teachers