



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. Now that we have returned to some kind of normal in Year 6, I thought I would give you an update on the coming half term and make a few requests for upcoming projects.

Curriculum

This half term, our History, DT, Art and Literacy will all be based around World War 1. We will be learning about the origins of the war, life on the Western Front, propaganda and the role of Women amongst other things.

In Literacy, we are studying the book 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo and will be covering skills such as: writing a balanced argument, writing an emotive letter, developing skim reading and deeper inference skills in reading and other important SPAG for SAT's. At the end of this project, the children have expressed an interest in watching the War Horse film- I think this would be a lovely treat for them. The film is a 12A and does contain some emotional and distressing scenes however I think it would enhance their understanding of the conditions faced in WW1. Please let me know if you have any objections.

In science, our new topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. In this topic, we will cover things like classification of species and microbes. We will be doing a few interesting experiments. I would like to ask if children could bring in a plastic bottle (of any size or shape) to school on Tuesday 23rd November (or before) to help out with an experiment looking at 'helpful microbes'.

In Maths, we will continue to develop problem solving and reasoning skills and improve arithmetic. We are also covering fractions, transformations and coordinate grids, decimals and percentages.

Homework

This week, the children have a project homework on seesaw. After that, they will continue to get weekly Maths homework (which will begin to become more problem solving based) on a Tuesday. Spellings will also be set and tested on a Tuesday and will be moving on to cover a particular spelling rule every week. After Christmas, we will start to set GPS homework as well as Maths in preparation for SAT's and the transition to high school.



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Christmas

It seems very early to be talking about Christmas but in Year 6 we are starting to collect for our Christmas art project. Throughout December, children will be designing and making a wreath as part of their Art and DT. We have ordered metal wreaths for each child but are looking for materials to add to them. Children will be able to add whatever they want to their wreath ranging from Christmassy material to natural materials found outside to small baubles and dried fruit. If you have any materials or resources that you are willing to donate, we will be starting a collection box this week. If your child wants to keep a particular resources or material for their own wreath, I suggest they keep it at home for now and bring it in closer to the time.

If you have anything you would like to discuss about the upcoming term, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I am incredibly grateful for your support so far this year and very proud of the progress being made in Year 6 already.

Kind regards,

Miss Robinson