

# Spring Term

It is wonderful to welcome everyone back to a new year and a fresh start!

The children have already impressed us with their dedication; they are working diligently to complete our current topics and are showing a genuine desire to improve. While we have a busy curriculum ahead, I know the pupils are eager to further develop their knowledge and skills.

## TOPIC

We are beginning with the circulatory system. We will, of course, be linking it to the Science work of the water cycle that they did a couple of years ago.

After the half term holiday, we will be moving onto a Geography topic, studying rivers.

Where they come from and how rivers are formed.

The link is how the water we drink is needed in our body and how the circulatory system helps us to live.

## ENGLISH & MATHS

In English, we are studying suspense writing, but we will also be reading: *Trash* by Andy Mulligan; concentrating on suspense in a fictional story, then *The Barefoot Book of Earth Poems*; concentrating on Poetry. The final book is *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman, which links to our Science topic.

In Maths we continue to work through the skills needed for reasoning and problem solving but also target fractions, decimals and percentages. As we continue throughout the school year, the Y6 children will take part in mock SATs tests to assess where they are at this point in the year so that we can focus on the areas that need more work.

## ART & DT

In Art, we will study the work by famous artists who have created seascapes, including Katsushika Hokusai, and also learn new techniques including block and over printing. In Design & Technology this half term, we are using our topic work to study the design and building of a toy that uses cams to move.

## PSHRE/DAaRT

We will be revisiting 'Keeping myself safe' and remind ourselves some of the work that we have done surrounding Online safety and also the effects of drugs and alcohol.

How does that heart work and why is it so important?

## MUSIC

Our music during this half term will be analysing and evaluating different genres of music. We will then link it with our poetry unit in English and write our own lyrics for a song, either using a beat or if we have time make our own.

## P.E.

*Tuesday pm:* In our indoor session we will be working on gymnastics including performing movements and sequencing a routine.

*Friday:* The children will be outside developing their tennis skills and how they are used in games. It is a good idea to have a tracksuit/jogging trousers and jacket as the weather turns colder.

**Please note** – It is important that your child has the correct PE kit; a white round neck t-shirt and black or blue shorts are needed.

## FRENCH

We will be learning vocabulary about time and hobbies, using previous number work.

## RE

We are thinking how religion helps us to be tolerant and respectful and what is being done around us to help in society.

## Homework

Your child is expected to read regularly (At least 4 times a week) and to complete times tables and spellings. As we carry on into the term, we will begin our boosters and preparation for SATs. The children will bring home some practise books to help them improve their skills.

## FINALLY

We want the children to do as well as possible at school and we value reading, because it plays an incredibly important part in Year 6. It helps the children to understand most of our work in Oak class. Please use our class email address to contact me.

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