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Welcome to Year 6 and to our first half termly newsletter which will tell you about some of the key features of the Year ahead, as well as what's in store over the next few weeks.

We have Mr. Behennah in our team and he will be teaching various groups of children throughout the year within Maths and Literacy.

If you need to talk to us, and it's always useful to talk to you, then do drop in at either end of the school day.

We're really pleased with the way our classes have started the year and we're looking forward to the year ahead.

Rob Walters and Claire Degenhardt

SATs Monday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2016

During this week in May next year, your child will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 Tests. These are important both for the child and the school. **Please do not book holiday during this time or in the first few weeks of the summer term before the tests - a crucial time for revision.**

CAMP: 23rd to 27th May 2016

Last years children had a truly memorable time canoeing, climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, gorge walking and exploring moorlands; all getting very wet during the process on our 5 day, 4 night, residential camp at the Delaware Centre in Cornwall. It is brilliant to see so many of you have paid deposits already – there are still a small number of places available.

HOMEWORK

The homework plan for the first half term will be as follows;

Reading – children will be expected to read a minimum of three times a week – this will be checked in guided reading and on Friday with Spellings.

Spellings – These will be stuck into the 'new style' reading diary and will need to be practised – adding prefixes and suffixes is a key development this year.

Times-table challenge – children will need to do the appropriate homework for this or will bring home and practice the level they are currently on. We have started a new challenge to incorporate the new National Curriculum goal of facts up to 12x12.

Other Maths and Literacy may be set on a Monday to be handed on a Thursday – we will ask children to record this in their reading diary as appropriate.

TEACHING AUXILIARIES

We are very fortunate to have a skilled team of teaching auxiliaries with a wide range of experience between them. They will be working with individual children and will be helping within class on various tasks too.

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING TARGETS

Over the next couple of weeks we are setting individual learning targets for Reading, Writing and Maths. We will review their progress at half term.

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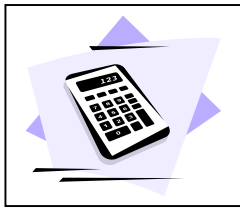
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CURRICULUM CONTENT

On this page we have highlighted some of the subjects and topics that we will cover this half term

Our theme for the term will be the Ancient Greeks and we will explore various aspects of Ancient Greek life through the activities we will be doing in various different subject areas.

Maths: Over the next few weeks we will be making quite an effort to ensure children develop their times tables and are becoming more efficient with the recommended calculation strategies of the New Curriculum.



Without a secure knowledge of key maths facts and basic strategies as the work becomes more difficult, children will not make the progress they ought to. We will also look at applying these skills to problems as well as develop knowledge of fractions and shape and space topics.

We will be teaching and testing them regularly to develop their confidence, although any help you can give your child will give them a real boost. A couple of minutes each day is all it takes.

Literacy: We begin our Literacy with Quest stories and the Labours of Heracles. Children will create their own quest story at the end of this unit.



We will finish the half term looking at Non-chronological reports of Mythological creatures.

P.E. Our hall session will be on Wednesday



mornings and will be a Gymnastic focus. We will be exploring movement and balance as individuals and groups.

(Children ought to have their PE kits in school at all times during the week.) Children in 6W will have P.E. with Mr. B. on Thursday afternoons this half term (6D next half term).

ICT (taught by Mr Simmons and Mrs Matthews) will be focussing on developing multimedia presentations.

D.T. is based around the theme of 'Biscuit Factory!' We will be tasting, baking and creating biscuits with the aim of selling them for a profit!

.....**And Finally**.....

Could you lend a hand in the classroom?

Parents readily give help when children are in the infants but we rarely see them in Year 6.

A few extra minutes spent reading with a different adult can make all the difference.

If you think you could spare some time - then please get in contact. Convenient times can be discussed with your child's class teacher.

Finally, if there is anything else you would like to know or you need to speak to us – please do not hesitate to ask.