

Welcome back to Year 6! We hope you had a wonderful break and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

English

In English this half term, the children will be focusing on *Finding Tale*. They will be learning to orally retell a story called *Fowlers Yard* using story maps and actions. The children will be thinking about the structure and features of a finding tale. We will be working on the use of descriptive language, language for suspense and the use of high-level punctuation throughout writing. To conclude the unit, the children will then be planning, writing and editing their own finding tale.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about: ratio; algebra and decimals.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is: *Animals including Humans*. During this topic, the children will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function. Finally, the children will describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Geography

Our Geography unit this half term is the Biosphere. We will explore planet Earth and its biospheres, as well as the water cycle, including water supplies for the City of London.

RE

Our RE topic this half term is *Christianity: Salvation*. We will be considering: **'Is anything ever eternal?'** We will discuss the meaning of 'eternal' and how some things in life are and are not. This will entail a lot of speaking and listening, where the children will be invited to share their own personal feelings and experiences.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about *Healthy and Safer Lifestyles*. We will explore key questions, such as *How do I recognise my own feelings and consider how my actions may affect the feelings of others? Can I use my Early Warning Signs to judge how safe I am feeling? How do I judge who is a trusted adult or trusted friend?*

PE

This half term, the children will be developing their skills in Dance. We will also be swimming this term. Our swimming days for both classes is Fridays - please ensure swimmers have their swimming kit.

Art

Children will be printing, painting and creating collages inspired by the work of Frieda Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

Computing

Our focus this half term is *We are Advertisers*. During this unit, the pupils review existing adverts or promotional films, create a storyboard, shoot original footage, source other media and edit a final version of their movie.

Music

In Year 6, the children will be composing pop music using all instruments at their disposal.

Homework

Home learning letters will be given to the children every Friday. There will be weekly English, maths and spelling homework. Please encourage your child to practise and use their spellings daily. Library books are changed regularly. Please do support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them and if you are

unsure, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. There is an expectation that all Year 6 children complete their homework on a weekly basis. Homework is to be handed in on a Wednesday.

Trips

Pendarren – The year group will be visiting Pendarren House (Wales) on week commencing Monday 4th March. Information about this trip will be sent out separately.

A quick reminder of our email addresses if you need to contact us or have any questions ☺ –

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