

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

In English this half term, the children will be working on poetry, modern retellings of narrative stories and non-chronological report writing. The children will be given weekly spellings on a Monday to be tested on a Friday. Reading books will be checked on a regular basis, and the children need to ensure that their reading records have been signed by an adult, although they should be recording their reading themselves. It is very important that children continue to read regularly at home during Y6 and your help with this is very much appreciated.

Mathematics this half term will initially focus on number work including; place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division before moving on to work on fractions. The children will continue to practise times tables on a regular basis, going up to x12 and they should learn these alongside their corresponding division facts. They should also work on memorising square and cubed numbers for these tables.

In Science during the first half term we will be working on extending children's knowledge and understanding of plants, in-particular seed dispersal, plant nutrition and identification using keys.

The first topic this year will be Rivers, during which children will learn about the stages of rivers, formation of river features and locate rivers in the UK and abroad. They will also find out about how rivers are used and affect people living close to them.

ICT will involve developing the children's skills in using multi-media to present their learning related to topic work and working with Scratch to program. Art this term will be on landscapes with children developing their drawing skills and learning about the work of Lowry and other landscape artists.

In RE the children will be learning about what it means for a Muslim to follow God while in PSHCE we will be looking at gaining independence and taking on responsibility and new challenges. Our French unit for the first half term will be 'Les Portraits'.

There will generally be two P.E sessions per week on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. For these sessions the children will need a suitable indoor and outdoor kit (consisting of dark coloured/ red shorts/ trousers, white/ red plain t-shirt, jumper, plimsolls and or trainers). This should be in school on a Monday and stay until Friday as sometimes PE sessions may change day. There are tag rugby and football tournaments to look forward to later in the half term.

Homework will continue be given out on a Friday each week. This will usually consist of two activities both of which may either link with work being carried out in class or to revision of previous learning. Homework should be returned to school on a Monday. If there are any issues with homework in a particular week please could you get in touch with me directly and more time will be provided.

We look forward to a happy and busy term. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Shackles