

Bassetts Farm Primary School
Year 6 - Autumn Term 2018 (Second Half)

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you had a restful and an enjoyable half term.

This half term our Learning Journey is 'Lights, Camera, Action'. Here is an overview of our learning.

Dates	Character Strengths	We will be learning about:
29/10/18	Love of Learning	We'll start this half term with 'Lost Words Week', where we will focus on vocabulary that is disappearing from the English language. We will look at the book 'The Lost Words' by Jackie Morris and Robert Macfarlane and focus on nature vocabulary. In maths, we will carry out some problem solving activities involving birds.
5/11/18	Love	This week, our focus we will be watching the film 'The Greatest Showman' as a stimulus for our writing this half term. In maths, we will begin our unit on multiplication and division. In PSHE this week, we will examine ways in which we can keep ourselves safe including whilst travelling (road, rail, water) and online. We will begin our work on electricity.
12/11/18	Love	In literacy, we will researching the life of P. T. Barnum before writing a biography about him. In PSHE, the children will learn about how infections can be spread and will discuss a range of hygiene routines that keep good health and wellbeing. In science, we will set up experiments to test electrical circuits.
19/11/18	Friendship	In preparation for writing a newspaper recount, we will watch key scenes from 'The Greatest Showman' to inspire our writing. This week, the children will visit the 'Life Education' bus in school with a focus on 'Decisions'. We will use our scientific knowledge to build an electrical circuit for a purpose.
26/11/18	Friendship	This week, we will used the skills we have learnt to write newspaper reports about key events from 'The Greatest Showman'. The children will think about different influences on behaviour, including peer pressure and media influence. They will discuss strategies that can help resist influences or pressure to behave in a way that might affect them negatively. We will begin learning about light in science.
3/12/18	British Values- Liberty	We will begin to plan narrative writing based on 'The Greatest Showman'. In PSHE this week, the children will learn about the skills needed in an emergency. In science, we will carry out a range of experiments to test light.
10/12/18	Self-control	In literacy, we will write narratives. In PSHE, the pupils will learn about habits in relation to drug, alcohol and tobacco. In computing we will learn how to use a variety of apps, including Garageband, Green Screen and iMovie to create our own music videos.
17/12/18	Love of Beauty	Continuing with last week's theme of habits, the children will learn about some of the risks and effects of legal and illegal substances (drugs-including medicines, alcohol and tobacco). We will use technology to edit and combine media to create a finished video.

Year 6 Home Learning - Please present neatly using joined handwriting.

Subject	Goes out	Due in	Frequency
Spelling	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Times Tables	Wednesday	Tuesday (Test)	Weekly
Learning Journey	Thursday 25 th October	Friday 30 th November	Over half term
Reading	We expect the children to read at home daily and they MUST read at least one book per week. Please make sure that you regularly read with your child and discuss the books that they are reading. Please note: it is important to question your child about what they have read. eg. <i>How do you think Steve felt when he left the house? Why?</i> These open questions require children to use evidence from the text to support their judgements. It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class.		

Reminders	
Lunch 	Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer (please see the packed lunch policy on the school website). Cost £2.30. Please pay using Eduspot.co.uk.
Uniform 	Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. School shoes should be plain black. Long hair should be tied back, using small white, black or blue bands.
PE kit 	T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers needed.
Drinks 	We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.
PSHE	PSHE will be taught weekly with your child's class teacher.
<p>Each morning, a member of staff will greet your child at the door. Please pass on any messages to them, or write us a note. We will supervise the collection of your children each afternoon. If you need to arrange for another person to collect your child, please let us know in advance or telephone the school on 01395 275968.</p>	

If you are able to support our learning with resources or would like to help in class, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child's education.

Here are some dates for your calendar:

- 3/12/18 Happy Hour
- 17/12/18 Carol Service
- 19/12/18 Christmas dinner

Teaching assistants:

The teaching assistants working with Year 6 are:
Mrs Osborn, Mrs Field, Mrs Smith and Mrs Griffiths.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Boatman, Mrs Eidam and Mrs Hughes