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Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Term 4

Term 3 has been very busy and children have been working on writing newspaper reports based on a short animation about an inventor called Sherman and his invention; they will be completing their newspaper articles based on his successes in the first week back of Term 4. Year 6 have also enjoyed learning about the life and works of many different inventors, scientists and entrepreneurs in Topic this term. Thank you for your continued support with events, cake crumbly and homework. As you know, this is a very important year for your child and we will all be working together this year to make it an enjoyable and successful experience. To help you support your child with their learning this term, we have outlined the basic areas of study but first, a few housekeeping and general points:

EQUIPMENT

All children should be encouraged to bring in a pencil case and a water bottle. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and that it is clearly labelled to avoid confusion. Uniform guidelines are outlined in the school prospectus available at the school office or on the school website.

PE

PE kits should be brought in every Monday and will be sent home after the last PE lesson of the week. Indoor PE: Children will need navy shorts and a school PE top. Gym and Dance is done in bare feet. Children will need trainers or plimsolls for indoor games. Outdoor PE: Navy shorts and school PE top, and tracksuit bottoms or spare jumper for colder days. Children will also need trainers. Jewellery: A reminder that **only** stud earrings and wrist watches may be worn to school. Earrings must be removed or covered for PE. Children should not wear bracelets. Our usual PE days this term are Tuesday afternoons (Tag Rugby) and Thursday Afternoons (Hockey with Miss Abrey) - PE days can be subject to change depending on school events, so PE kits will be needed in school all week.

STATUTORY TESTS

Year 6 can be a challenging year and we appreciate your continued support and encouragement. Children will be taking SATs tests in Maths, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar during the week commencing Monday 13th May, with Writing and Science being assessed throughout the course of the year. More details of these assessments will be discussed with you nearer the time but there is no need for children to worry about the actual assessments themselves. We are continuing to work on past papers and assessment-style questions at regular intervals to give the children practice of the format and are tracking progress continually to arrange any intervention we feel will benefit them in preparation for the tests.

HOMEWORK

In Year 6, children have one homework book which will be used for all homework. The Year 6 Spelling Homework Scheme was sent out at the beginning of the year and a new version with spellings for Term 4 onwards was sent out in the last Week of Term 3. Homework will be set from this and the revision guides on a Wednesday and checked the following Wednesday (with the exception of the Reading Comprehension revision guide work where children will be expected to complete one text per month - this term's Reading Comprehension work is due on Wednesday 6th March). Homework will be checked by staff but, as explained in the letter which you received along with the revision guides at the beginning of the year, should have been marked at home with your child.

READING

As a school, we would like you to encourage your child to record their own reading in their Reading Diary in a simple way e.g. date, title/piece read, pages read and any personal comment they would like to add. The expectation is for children to **complete five entries per week**. We will check these regularly and children will be rewarded using the school reward system. We expect children to have daily opportunities to read **to**, or **with**, someone at home, as well as independently; the important thing is that your child reads regularly, enjoys and is engaged with their reading!

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important - the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to solve calculations. Multiplication and division facts underpin many mathematical concepts so it is vital that your child knows these off by heart. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun, challenging, online programme designed to help pupils master the times tables! As a whole school, we recommend that each child accesses the website or App at least 5 times a week for 10 minutes; the more they practise the faster and more accurate they will become. Your child will have been given their user name and login and shown how to use the website in class. If you have any questions about this please contact us.

Website: www.ttrockstars.com/

App: Search in your App Store for Times Table Rockstars

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CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Our topic this term is **Light it up!** We will be learning about light, how we see and electricity.

<u>Subject</u>	
Maths	The National Curriculum is followed and Maths takes place on a daily basis using the Mastery approach. Please encourage your child to practise and apply mental maths skills. This could be quick responses to times tables, calculating change required in shops, the length of a television programme or estimating measures: e.g. distances, temperature and length. This term we will be learning about fractions, including; adding and subtracting; multiplying; and dividing a fraction by a whole number. We will then begin to revise a wide range of topics in preparation for SATs in Term 5.
English	We will be editing and publishing our newspapers articles based on 'Wing it!' from Term 3. We will then be writing suspense narratives based on the short stories contained within The Chronicles of Harris Burdick.
Science	We will be looking at light this term in Science including recognising that light travels in straight lines, developing our understanding of reflection and refraction and exploring the visible light spectrum.
Computing	We will be continuing our eSafety work from Term 3 focussing on the 5 internet safety pillars: Think Before You Share (Be Internet Sharp); Check it's For Real (Be Internet Alert); Protect Your Stuff (Be Internet Secure); Respect Each Other (Be Internet Secure); When in Doubt, Discuss (Be Internet Brave).
PE	<u>Tuesday afternoons</u> (Tag Rugby) and <u>Thursday Afternoons</u> (Hockey with Miss Abrey) - PE days can be subject to change depending on school events, so PE kits will be needed in school all week.
RE	We will be continuing to consider the big question, "What is it about key religious figures that make them inspirational for religious believers?" This term we will finish looking at inspirational Islamic figures and move on to look at inspirational figures in Judaism.
Art	We will be looking at the life and works of L.S. Lowry and creating our own observational drawings of life in Didcot inspired by him, using a variety of different media including charcoal.
MFL: French	Our French topic this term is 'On the move' and we will be learning to develop conversational skills via the topics of transport, direction and movement. We will learn to conjugate the high-frequency word 'to go' and use it in context.

HELPING OUT

Year 6 would be very grateful for the support of any parents or carers who are able to offer some regular time reading with children. Please let us know if you are able to help.

OTHER NOTICES

For Science in Term 4 each child will need a cereal box in order to make a periscope. Please bring these in as soon as you are able to and give to your child's teacher. Spares are also appreciated!

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

- Wednesday 6th March - Reading Comprehension Homework due
- Thursday 7th March - Cake Crumbly (parent helpers also appreciated)
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (come dressed as your favourite book character)
- Friday 8th March - International Women's Day
- Friday 8th March - PALS Quiz Night (Over 18s only)
- Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day
- Thursday 21st March - FS & Year 6 National Weighing and Measuring Programme (Letter to follow from the School Nursing team)
- Saturday 30th March - PALS Easter Egg Hunt
- Wednesday 3rd April - SATs information meeting for parents @ 3.30pm in Class 14
- Friday 5th April - Term 4 ends @ 1.15pm

If you have any problems, questions or concerns do feel free to discuss them with us, bearing in mind that before school is a very busy time. We look forward to an exciting term.

Thank you once again for your continued support!

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Year 6 Teachers

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