

Year 6
Autumn Term 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very warm welcome back after the summer holiday. We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing time.

Here's a brief glimpse into what's in store for the children this term. Our theme this term is 'Water, Water Everywhere' and we will be linking this to our visit to Grafham, Literacy and our foundation topics.

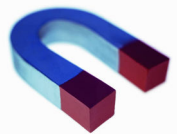


In **Literacy** this term children will be developing their skills in writing, focusing on explanation texts, journalistic writing, poetry, writing mystery stories and narrative texts. They will be analysing texts, improving sentence structure and punctuation, thinking about the audience when writing, making appropriate vocabulary choices to engage the reader and developing editing and improving skills.

In **Maths**, children will be focusing on: multiplication and division, place value, mental calculations strategies, pencil and paper procedures, fractions, decimals and percentages, properties of numbers, ratio and proportion and sequences. In shape, space and measures we will cover: 2D and 3D shapes, perimeter, area and measures problems. In data handling we will be interpreting line graphs, frequency tables and charts. As part of these topics children will be developing their calculation skills, estimating and checking answers, as well as improving problem solving skills and the ability to apply their knowledge in a range of contexts.



In **Science** we will be studying interdependence and adaptation as well as forces and friction. Children will develop their investigative and analytical skills in practical work, as well as identifying reasons for trends in collected data. They will also improve their ability to explain scientific phenomena using the correct technical vocabulary.



In **ICT** children will develop their skills through other areas of the curriculum. We will be using the internet to research our Judaism topic and using PowerPoint to illustrate the journey of a river.



RE - Judaism - we will be studying the key features of Jewish worship and the importance of the Synagogue to the Jewish community.

Geography - Rivers: we will be studying the journey of a river and identifying and explaining the changes that occur along its course. We will be identifying the uses of the river and drawing and annotating maps and aerial pictures. During this topic we will visit the river Cam at Milton, drawing sketches and taking photographs to support our learning. We will inform you of the exact date closer to the time.

PE - Games - sending and receiving a ball and attacking/defending a zone; creating small-sided games to practise skills. Dance - 'journey of a river' - responding to music/body control/cannoning and synchronisation/unison.

Art - People in Motion - we will be looking at how to create movement in drawings and 3D models.

PSHCE - New Beginnings - we will be looking at teamwork skills, feelings and challenges.

Homework will continue to be given on Thursdays and should be returned the following Tuesday. Our 'termly challenge' will also be set before half term which will be linked to our topic of 'Journey to the River Sea'.



PE takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please could all children bring appropriate indoor and outdoor PE kits on both days as circumstances and weather conditions may dictate where PE lessons take place.

Mr Fraser, Miss Phillips and Mrs Newton will be teaching all the children in Year 6 at various times throughout the week. In addition working with the children Year 6 will be Mrs Ballard, Mrs Piveropoulos and Mrs Sharkey. French and Music will be taught by Monsieur Hicks and Miss Moulton.

On the 14th September we will be off to Grafham Water. Attending Grafham with the children will be Mr Fraser, Miss Phillips, Miss Kitson, Miss Dorrington, and Mrs Piveropoulos. Grafham Water website is www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk.

Parent helpers would be greatly appreciated for our various trips and other activities in and around the local area, please speak to one of us if this is something that you could help us with.

Useful websites to support your child in their learning are:

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/>

<http://nrich.maths.org/public/>

We appreciate your continued support and encouragement during this busy term.
Best wishes,

J. Fraser C Phillips J Newton