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Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter

English

Writing

This term's English will be based on the book, 'Good Night India' by Nitya Mahan. Pupils will be writing to persuade by creating an advert to get people to visit a location in the Indian subcontinent. Then, they will be writing to discuss by producing a balanced argument.

Reading

Over the course of the half-term, pupils will read 'Asha and the Spirit Bird' as their reading focus in whole class reading sessions. In addition to work on the novel, each class will be reading for pleasure throughout the week and joining in with a range of activities in 'Book Club', which will continue to focus on the enjoyment of reading.

Each pupil will be given a book at their level to read for enjoyment at home as well as having access to a range of books in school. Books will be expected in school each week (see below for class specific days). On this day, they will be checked/changed in book club and progress on BOOM reading logged. This app can also be used to log any reading at home.

Maths

In maths, pupils will start by looking at ratio before completing work on algebra and decimals. In addition, there will be a daily extra focus on arithmetic in class to re-cap learning on fractions and the four operations. In addition, there will be daily 'Number of the Day' sessions as we aim to develop pupils' fluency in maths.

At home, additional work on times tables using 'TT Rockstars' would be of great help to your child as they aim to become a fluent mathematician.

Geography

The topic for the first three weeks of the half-term is 'Are all settlements the same?' with a focus on the local area and the Indian Subcontinent.

In week one, we will be looking at different types of settlements before looking at land use and how the area has change over time. In week two, the focus will turn to comparing Chadderton's features with New Delhi, India. In the final week, the focus will be about Bangladesh and the issue of flooding

As a trip, we will be visiting a local Hindu Temple in Oldham. All trips will be in the morning and pupils will be back by dinner; School uniform will be needed as well as a coat. There is no charge for the trip.

Dates will be sent out shortly.



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Science

The topic in science will be 'Light'. In the topic, children will learn about how we see, light and straight lines as well as shadow formation. Additionally, children will plan and carry out an experiment on shadows.

Spanish/ PSHE

Spanish and PSHE long term plans can be found on the school website to show you what your child will be learning over the half-term.

Art

In art, we will be focusing on drawing and 'making my voice heard'. Pupils will experiment with mark making; learn about symbolism; study street art and develop the skill of chiaroscuro. This will result in the completion of a powerful imagery piece.

P.E

All classes have P.E on **Friday**.

We are asking that all children turn up to school when it is their PE day, wearing their school PE kit (yellow t-shirt, black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers). Additionally, they can wear a pair of black tracksuit bottoms and must have their school jumper to wear on top.

Homework

As shared previously, due to the reshaping of our provision, the day that spelling tests and homework will change for each class. Below are the details of when book club and weekly spelling tests will now take place and when homework will be sent home.

- 6 Blue spelling test/homework - Monday
- 6 Red spelling test/homework - Wednesday
- 6 Green spelling test/homework - Friday

Book Club - reading books **must** be brought in on this day; however, they can be brought in each day

- 6 Blue - Wednesday
- 6 Red - Thursday
- 6 Green - Thursday

Kind regards

Mr M. Armstrong / Mrs D. Braithwaite / Miss N. Wood/ Mrs Z. Jay