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Newsletter

Year 6 – Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term and after our exciting week at Kingswood. We had an excellent week with the children and we were extremely proud of their attitude towards activities which involved risk. We saw the children grow in independence and work as a team to support each other in activities and in their dorms. We are now on the countdown to Christmas and we have a busy 7 weeks of learning.

Topic

This half term and next half term we are learning about Crime and Punishment through the ages. We start back during the Roman times; we then look at the Saxons and the tudors; we finish by looking at the Victorians and then modern crime and punishment. We will develop skills and knowledge by looking at chronology, sources of information, questioning and looking at trends and connections over time. Our art work and DT work will link in with our history topic. At the end of the topic – in February- we plan to share all of our work with parents through an exhibition in school. We will invite you along to this closer to the time.

English

In English we are reading The Highwayman and we are using this text to write letters and write a narrative from a chosen characters' perspective. Closer to Christmas we plan to use the text Wonder.

Maths

In maths we will be continuing our daily arithmetic work which we do at the start of each day. This helps to develop fluency and the ability to jump from one calculation to another. We are looking at division and multiplication at the moment and we will then use this skill when looking at units of measure including: time, weight, length and money. Closer to Christmas, we will be looking at shapes including 2d and 3d and their properties. We will also look at angles within shapes and area and perimeter.

Help at home with Maths

Please continue to support your children with their maths homework when we send the cgp book home each week. Bbc bitesize is a great online resource as there are revision tips and also quizzes for each maths area. Woodlands is also a great resource for maths games. Times tables are so important in many areas of maths so working on these along with the related division facts is helpful. **For example: $9 \times 9 = 81$ so $81 \div 9 = 9$
 $90 \times 9 = 810$ so $810 \div 90 = 9$.** Find opportunities for telling the time and also adding and subtraction time. For example: **The time is 10:35am- What will the time be in half an hour?**

Science

In science we will start looking at evolution and how organisms have evolved over time. We will look at fossils and how they support us in finding out about the past. We will look at a timeline over the last billion years to see how animals and plants have evolved over time.

Jigsaw

In jigsaw this half term we will be celebrating difference; we look at disabilities, bullying, power struggles and the similarities and differences between us all.

Commuting

This half term children will be finishing their spreadsheet work they started with Mrs Wray last half term then why are moving on to internet safety. We are going to ask them to create brochures to bring home sharing what they have learnt.

RE

We will be looking at incarnation closer to Christmas and we use difference sources to find out about the views and beliefs of different people.

PE

Children are doing gymnastics this half term with Mr Mills and on a Thursday they are doing Yoga for relaxation

Parents' evening

These are at the beginning of December and text will be sent out for you to book in to see us. At this meeting we will mostly discuss your child's targets for the year and we will also share their progress so far.

Last Christmas dinner

On 18th December you are invited in to have a special Christmas dinner with your child. You should complete the slip that was sent home and return the payment. If your child is free school meals, their dinner will be free.

SATS meeting

Towards the end of the half term we will be holding a sats information evening. This is likely to be in the last week of November- we will confirm this date shortly. We will run one at 3:30pm and also one at 6pm.

Thank you for your support
Year 6 team