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Class: Emerald (Years 5 & 6)

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school for the final term of the academic year! I hope that you enjoyed the break and that the children are telling you about the learning that they have already begun to do this term.

Curriculum Information

Learning Journey topic

The Learning Journey topic this term is 'Smugglers'. It has a history focus and follows on from the work done last term about the geography of the local area and will look at the ways in which the environment has influenced human activity.

As always, sharing children's prior knowledge and understanding is a valuable resource to support the learning of all the children. If they have any stories or other resources that they would like to share, that would be lovely!

English

In English this term, we will be researching and presenting information found in non-fiction texts and looking at the difference between fact and opinion.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to apply the strategies that we have learned over the year to a variety of problem-solving situations. We will also have a focus on the properties of shape, including measuring and drawing angles and drawing shapes with given measurements.

P.E.

The children will continue to benefit from swimming lessons in smaller groups. They will also be participating in athletics activities, including sprints and hurdles.

Please note that we ask that children bring in their PE and swimming kit every day to school; in this way we can be as flexible as possible and take advantage of any extra PE slots in the timetable. Our fixed P.E. slots are Monday and Thursday this term.

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R.E.

In RE this term, we will be learning about Hinduism, considering the practices and lifestyles of those who belong to a faith community. This will be largely taught during English lessons in a cross-curricular way so that children are still practising skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening while the RE provides the context.

Later in the term we will be exploring and discussing Relationships and Sex Education. In line with our policy on this topic, we will send out a further letter with more specific information and timings for these lessons. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Year 6 will also be preparing for their transition to secondary school and, of course, we have our residential trip to Hindleap Warren.

We will continue to take advantage of the curriculum interests and strengths of members of staff, and so Mr Sibson will be teaching Emerald Class on Tuesday afternoons. He will focus on Music and Computing.

Homework

Homework supports children's learning and includes core tasks, which are ongoing activities.

Regular reading, both in their heads and aloud to an adult, is a priority. The discussions that follow reading are particularly important in developing children's comprehension. Children will also continue to have spellings to learn; learning these words will enable children to write with increased fluency and confidence. Children are also encouraged to undertake Maths activities in order to develop children's knowledge of number facts.

As agreed during the Home Learning meeting earlier in the year, we will not be setting a Home Learning project during this busy term.

If you find that homework is a struggle for your child then please inform us and together we will find ways of overcoming this.

Request

We are always grateful for helpers to come in and listen to the children read or play maths games. If you feel you could spare any time to do so and you have an up-to-date 'Alfriston School' Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please catch one of us in the playground, give us a call via the school office or arrange an appointment to see us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak to us – it is vital that children are happy at school in order to learn to the best of their abilities and we will always try to make time to talk to you. We are generally available after school but if this time of the day isn't possible for you then we can always arrange a more mutually convenient appointment time – just phone the school office to arrange.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Crystal