

Home-School Link Letter

Year: 6 Term: Autumn 2



English	<p>This half term Year Six will be studying the non-fiction unit 'S.P.O.O.C.S' This unit is based around ghostly haunting and focuses on non-fiction text types. We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identifying the features of non-fiction text types• discovering the audience and purpose of a text• writing a persuasive letter• producing instructional writing- how to set out instructions in a clear and organised way• writing recounts- recounting key events of an adventure• producing non-chronological reports- writing an encyclopaedia entry• writing explanations- reasons why an event occurred• producing an advert• writing discussions- looking at pros and cons <p>Children will also have weekly 'Reading Comprehension' sessions which will focus on developing their inferential reading skills.</p> <p>Children will also complete a weekly 'Big Write' and participate in a weekly Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation session.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths this half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• calculating negative numbers• comparing fractions• converting improper fractions and mixed numbers• calculating perimeter and area• discovering the volume of shapes• calculating area of triangles• developing our understanding of properties of 3D shapes• methods for division with fraction remainders• calculating percentages of money• multiplying fractions <p>The children will also have weekly 'Reasoning and Problem Solving' sessions to apply their knowledge to real-life situations. In addition, children will complete daily 'Mental Maths' activities.</p>
Topic	<p>Our topic this half-term is 'Ancient Greece'. This topic will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Elgin Marbles• education in Ancient Greek times• Aesop's tales• slavery during the Ancient Greek period• Ancient Olympics• democracy in Ancient Greek times <p>Ancient Greek Workshop- children to dress as Ancient Greeks- Tuesday 7th November 2017</p>

Science	<p>This half term we will be continuing our Science topic 'Electric Celebrations'. Through this unit we will be looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how voltage affects brightness of bulbs and volume of buzzer • symbols which are used to represent electrical components • how circuits are drawn • designing and making a dimmer switch • creating a light decoration circuit
<p><u>PE</u> Children's PE sessions will be on a Friday with Mr Sellman. The sessions this half term will cover 'gymnastics' and 'invasion games'. Children must have hair tied up and all jewellery off during these lessons</p>	<p><u>ICT</u> This half term we will be studying 'Online Safety' and 'Spreadsheets'. Through this unit we will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review aspects of online safety • safety aspects of blogging • exploring Probability • using spreadsheets in real-life
<p><u>RE</u> During RE this half-term we will be focusing on 'What happens when we die?' Through this unit we will be studying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the body and soul • reincarnation • judgement • the Christian funeral • The Adhan 	<p><u>PHSE</u> During PSHE this half-term we will be focusing on 'Rights and Responsibilities'. Through this unit will be thinking about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the bare necessities of life • children's rights • children's points of view
<p><u>Reading Information:</u> In Year 6 we are encouraging your children to continue to be enthusiastic readers. To support this, children will be able to change their books throughout the week. Please ensure an adult at home listens to your child read at least once a week and completes the Reading Record.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key Dates</u></p> <p>Reading Book changed - Children are responsible for changing their reading books when necessary. Spelling test - Friday PE Kit -Friday (Please ensure PE kit is kept in school throughout the week as additional PE may be an option). Talk for Writing- due in Thursday Ghost Hunting trip- Aston Hall- Tuesday 31st October Greek inspiration day- Tuesday 7th November Parent Workshop- Champions Challenge- Monday 13th November at 6pm. Children in Need- Friday 17th November Year 5 and 6 parent workshop- Grammar- Wednesday 22nd November Aladdin- School Panto- Tuesday 5th December Glenthorne's Got Talent- Tuesday 19th December</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">What else can you do to help your child?</p> <p>You may choose to visit a library, look on the internet or talk to your child about the areas they are learning. Please continue to practice spellings and times tables. Weekly 'Talk for Writing' homework will need to be completed for Thursday's Big Write session.</p> <p>New activities are added weekly to Active Learn which will help support your child with areas of the curriculum. Please use this, alongside Education City and Purple Mash. You child will be given their own log ins.</p> <p>Please contact your child's class teacher if you need any advice or have any suggestions or concerns.</p>	