

## Class 3 Spring Newsletter 2018

### English

This term we will be continuing work based on the text, 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Children will be using this for inspiration for their own writing; character analysis work; and comprehension and language analysis skills. Following this, we will be using non-fiction texts to explore the content and layout of factual texts. Grammar work includes learning how to use punctuation marks such as semi-colons and colons in their writing. Spelling will continue each week in their Spelling Books (which should be returned each Wednesday), with a test on Wednesdays. In addition to this work, Y6 will also be doing SATs preparation work for their Reading and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Test.

### Maths

This term the focus will be on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. This will include learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions; find equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages; solve problems which involve fractions, decimals and percentages. Following on from this, work will involve angles and measurements; ratio and percentage. In addition to this, Y6 will be doing SATs preparation for their Arithmetic and Reasoning Tests.

### Science

This term the children will be learning about different scientists and inventors. This includes making a wildlife documentary, inspired by David Attenborough using computer software. Following this, the children will be learning about Materials - their properties and changes.

### History

This term the children will learn about-

- Anglo- Saxons and Scots- They will learn about the invasions of the Scots and Anglo-Saxons in the 5th century. They will find out where the invading troops came from and where in Britain they managed to settle and then they will go on to investigate how life in Britain changed as a result.

- Vikings and the Battle of Hastings -They will learn about the raids and invasions by Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain. The children will learn who the Vikings were as well as when and where they raided and settled. They will learn about significant events from the period and order these chronologically on a timeline.

## Geography

In Geography, they will be developing their understanding of their position within the UK, Europe and the world. They will be labelling maps to show capital cities, continents, oceans and countries. After that, we will looking at the Geography of South America -learning about the rainforests, countries and cultures there, looking for similarities and differences to the UK.

## Computing

- Photo viewer 3 to make animal documentaries.
- 3d modelling
- Internet safety

## P.E

In P.E this term, Y5 will be taking part in a Streetdance Festival so they are preparing for that. This takes place on Thursdays and indoor P.E kit is needed (bare feet). Both Y5 and Y6 also get regular sessions on the gym equipment.

## Music

Throughout the year, the children will be learning a range of musical instruments (ukele, boomwhacker, steel drums, African drums). As well as this, they will be learning to listen to and appraise different genres of music and compose their own music.

## Art

The children will be creating artwork using collage.

## D.T

The children will be looking at Healthy Eating and Nutrition - making some tasty food of their own.

## Modern Foreign Language

As we no longer have a Spanish teacher, we have decided to teach French this year. A teacher from Wellfield School will deliver some of the sessions.

## Other Information

Spelling Books - Could children please return their books on WEDNESDAYS for a spelling test and to get their new sheets.

Homework - Y5 maths sheet for WEDNESDAYS.

Y6 maths and grammar for TUESDAYS. The children will also be bringing home a reading booklet as well.

Reading books - children are expected to read at home for 20 minutes a night (at least 5 minutes of that time with an adult). Please send in record books once a week so their books can be changed. Thanks.

SATS preparation class (Y6 only) - Thank you for encouraging your child to attend this important after school session. I will do a Parent Information Session about what to expect during SATS and how you can help your child to prepare sometime in March, details to follow.