

A note from Mrs McIlhagga

Welcome back to our final term of the school year, I cannot believe how quick this year is going! I would just like to say a big thank you to you all for attempting my new name – I know it is a difficult one. Summer term is a busy but exciting one, Year 6's have their SAT's, Anderton Centre trip and leaver's assemblies and Year 5 have their crucial crew trip and lots of fun activities to look forward to in school such as our Jubilee celebrations, sports and skills builder weeks. In lessons, we have lots of exciting topics to cover and I'm personally looking forward to exploring the Tudor period in history! Thank you for your continued support this year, Mrs McIlhagga.

English Throughout the summer term, we will be studying 'The Lady of Shallot' by Alfred Tennyson, a poem written in the 1800's. We will be looking at the famous artwork created inspired by the poem and will be unpicking its real meaning. Later in the term, we are also studying 'Wonder' by R. J Palacio where we will be writing a range of pieces such as adverts, narratives and letters.

We are reading... Our class reads for this term will be 'Ghosts of Shanghai' by Julian Sedgwick and 'Simply the quest' by Maz Evans. This is the sequel to 'Who Let the Gods out?' that we studied in Autumn.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on:

- Area and perimeter, looking at rectangles, compound shapes, triangles and parallelograms
- Angles, focusing on angle facts, measuring angles and drawing angles.
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Ratio
- Statistics, exploring line graphs, pie charts and mean.

Science

This term, we will be focusing on how our bodies change over time and the importance of nutrients to our health as part of the topic, 'What is my body doing?' We will also be exploring Forces and will investigate the question, 'What force does what?'. We will also complete a unit of work on light, where the children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of light.

History

In history this term we are learning about the Tudors, more specifically, the chronology of this period and the cultures and entertainment during this time. We will be researching about different explorers from the Tudor period and what discoveries that they made.

Geography

This term in geography, we will be learning what a river actually is. We will be following the journey of a river from its source to its mouth. Along the way, we will be exploring estuaries, ecosystems, the benefits of living close to the river and the disadvantages. Our study will be around two rivers in the UK, and one river in Bangladesh. We will also be learning about mountains and why they are so important as part of our unit on sustainability and earthquakes.

Other curriculum information:

Remote Learning If your child is required to self-isolate due to Covid 19, you can find the Y5 and Y6 work packs on the school website. The work and expectations are outlined on the document and I will offer further support through Class Dojo.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday and should be returned before the following Thursday. The homework will always be linked to something we are studying in class.

Other curriculum information

Skills Builder- Our skills this term are Teamwork and Leadership. The children will complete tasks that will support them to develop these skills and be given opportunities in lessons to exercise them.

Art and Design- This term, we will be developing our printing skills in the style of William Morris. Children will be creating their own printing tools using new materials such as lino. Our design and technology topic this term is 'Come dine with me', this will link nicely to our Jubilee celebrations where the children will be planning and making desserts.

Computing – This term we will complete a unit called 'Big Data 2' where they will be learning about how data can become corrupted and understanding the need to update devices and software. In summer 2, we will also design and promote a new product in our topic, 'Skills showcase'.

PSHE – 'Health and wellbeing' is the focus of our PSHE lessons this term and sessions will be delivered by HH kids.

PE- Athletics and orienteering are the two P.E topics for the summer term, please make sure children have appropriate PE kit to be outside for these lessons.

RE – During the first half term, we will explore how art, poetry and architecture can express beliefs and in the second half term we will be exploring why religious believers see life as a journey.

Music- Our topics this term are 'You've got a friend' and 'Dancing in the streets' .

Home Reading

Please listen to your child read at least three times per week for 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read and need to be in school every Monday to be checked by Miss Hill.

TT Rock stars and Spelling tests.

Children are expected to complete 25 minutes of TT Rockstar games which will be set each week. Spellings will be given out every Monday for a spelling test the following Monday and will follow the rule we have been learning in class.