

Monday 20th February 2017

Dear families,

I hope you had a good half-term break. I finally had my Masters graduation over the break and was reminded that I could not have done it without your help - so thank you again! Here's what we have in store this term:

In literacy, children will spend the first week finishing off our Darwin topic by writing his biography. After Kingswood, Class 6 will be reading 'The Lorax' and discussing the text's interesting language using their knowledge of word classes. They will then be studying the voice-over work of David Attenborough. Children will be picking out the key features of his style and then writing their own voice overs for the pre-Thneed world (one where nature is celebrated and left to thrive) or post-Thneed world (one which is being destroyed by industry and capitalism). These will then be performed in front of our green screen and made into an Attenborough style clip to share with you at our exhibition on March 15th. After 'The Lorax', children will be participating in a unit of work based around the novel 'Skellig' by David Almond. Spelling, grammar and punctuation work will continue to be interwoven into their studies.

Art will be based on 'The Lorax' too. Children will be considering the key messages and themes within the text and expressing these in collaborative mural-style art.

In science, children will be studying light, exploring how light travels and is reflected by various materials and surfaces. Our R.E. theme is religion and charity, and focuses on the work of Christian Aid and Islamic Relief. They will be exploring the beliefs and values of these charities as well as their own ideas about making a difference in the world. In computing children will be developing their app ideas from last term using app creation software. Children will continue to have music with Mrs Bristow and P.E. lessons will be led by our sports leaders. Please ensure children always have the correct kit in school - we will be having tag rugby sessions outside as much as possible!

In numeracy, we will be continuing to revisit all the key areas of the maths curriculum and children's arithmetic skills will be assessed on Fridays where we will alternate a mental maths test with a written arithmetic test. Children are involved in the marking of these, identifying their own areas for development. Please continue to check children's quick-fire times-tables and division facts as these are key to so many areas of mathematics.

Homework - Children will continue to receive a sentence of the week which will be tested on a Monday. I cannot stress enough the importance of learning this - each week, it will contain key spellings and punctuation marks which they must know in order to achieve the required standard in the SPaG test at the end of the year. Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day and should be aiming for at least 20 pages within this time. We would love to see their reading records on a weekly basis and will continue to celebrate their reading achievements. Learning logs will be rotated with SPaG and numeracy homework. Please encourage your child to tell us if they have found anything tricky so we can re-visit it.

Kingswood - Please look on the school website for all of the Kingswood information. Medical forms and pocket money should be handed in as soon as possible. Please note that there has been an addition to the packing list: swimming kit for the pool party!

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Please also keep checking the school website as we try to regularly update the Twitter feed with Class 6 events.

Miss Thompson, Mrs Simpson & Mrs Morrall