



Year 6

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new term that already has some exciting activities arranged. We hope you have all had a wonderful family Christmas break and are looking forward to a prosperous new year. This term our Storybook Curriculum theme is 'History all around us' with much of the curriculum being linked to our Pattenon and Prayer book rebellion heritage.

Literacy

The children will be given many opportunities for creative writing, all of which will be inspired by our storybook curriculum.

We begin our new term with the writing of a mystery story, focussing upon setting and character development. This will be stimulated by the enigmatic book *The Watertower*, written by Gary Crew. The children will be encouraged to think of local landmarks and buildings as the starting point for their stories.

Computing

Our focus will be on writing algorithms for a specific purpose, learning how to debug and amend programs as they work.

Numeracy

We will revisit many aspects of mathematics, offering new ways to calculate answers. Multiplication tables are still a key focus and will remain a daily staple. We begin the year looking at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Reading

Individual and guided reading in class will be the main focus. Pupils will also have individual reading books to enjoy and read at home and school.

Our class reader for January is *Pictures In The Dark* by Gillian Cross. An exciting story which is usually adored by the class. With its grammatical structures and twists and turns of plot it lends itself nicely for class discussion.

R.E.

We begin the term by considering why Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah. We then move on to why Christians believe that the world needs a saviour.

Science

This term we look at the human circulatory system. We begin by identifying and describing the functions at various parts of the circulatory system and culminate with watching the dissection of an ox heart and lungs.

Music

Silent movies and their accompaniment. Children will explore both composition and performance this term.

History

Local history will be the focus this half term. We will begin with a study of the Battle of Fenny Bridges and then discuss the life and work of Bishop Pattenon.

P.E.

Our focus this term will be netball, during games and in preparation for an inter-school tournament at the King's School. We will also be using the hall to acquire some table tennis skills.

Art and DT

Led by Mr Butler, this term the children will be studying the art of the Native Americans. The culmination of which will be to create a totem pole.

Please Remember

If you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to contact me.

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