17th April 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer term. I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. Here is an outline of the curriculum areas we will be focusing on during the autumn term.

English and Maths.

We will be following the National Curriculum in daily sessions. English topics will be Instruction writing where we will investigate how to conduct a successful Viking raid. We will make links between science and English, following Stephen Hawking’s book, George’s Secret Key to the Universe. We will study poetry by James Berry and read Kensuke’s Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We are also looking forward to our Shakespeare project at Blackwell and performing Twelfth Night.

Every morning from 8:45am we will spend time doing quiet reading. I will be listening to children read during this time and in guided reading sessions. Reading books and reading records will be sent home daily. It is incredibly important to encourage your child to read at home, even if they are a confident reader, and if possible read with them as this will really help develop their reading skills. Discussing the books and encouraging your child to share their opinions will also help with understanding which plays a major part in assessing reading in year 5. We are going to continue our reading challenge. Please sign your child’s reading record each time they read at home. At the end of each term I award prizes for those who read the most.

In maths we will be following the White Rose maths Scheme which will focus this term on decimals, shape, measures and position and directions. We are also doing daily maths challenges based on the Fluent in Five scheme and Rapid reasoning. This will help children practice fast recall and problem solving.

Science.

In science this term we will be learning about Earth and Space, Living things and their habitats and Animals including Humans. As children are now in Year 5, the nurse will be coming in to speak to them about puberty and changes. A letter will be sent out closer to the date. Years 5 and 6 also have the opportunity to work with Ulverston Victoria Sixth Form students in our after school science club

ICT.

This term we will be focusing on being eaware and ensuring children can be safe on the internet. We will also use computing in other topics such as science, maths and humanities.

RE

RE will focus on comparing places of worship around the world and how people worship. We will also spend time looking at Islamic art and how important it is. We will be visiting Swarthmoor Hall on May 2nd to help us understand different methods of worshiping. A letter will be sent home about this soon.

PE

Year 5 will be learning to play rounders this term. We will also practice athletic skills and Natalie will be back to teach karate. PE will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Children must have a PE kit in school with the correct PE pumps, not trainers. If they wear earrings they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE sessions. Hopefully we will have lots of lovely warm weather so we can get outside to do PE.

History.

This term we will learn all about The Shan Dynasty and Ancient China. We will focus on society and the contribution of Ancient China to the modern world.

Geography.

Our geography topics this term is Volcanoes and other natural disasters. We will investigate disasters of the past and present and will do a case study on Pompeii and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Music

This term, Year 5 will be learning a variety of skills in music, using The Fresh Prince of Bel Air and Dancing in the Street, We will also be learning songs and dance to accompany Twelfth Night.

Art, Design and Technology.

In art this term we will be looking at Painting, focusing on lines, marks, tone, form and texture. We will also link the topic with Japanese art and our English topic Kensuke’s Kingdom. In DT we will focus on electrical systems and structure.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Monday and must be returned by Thursday, to allow time for marking. Homework will be focused on Maths and English.

Medical

If your child has developed any medical concerns or allergies please notify us. If your child needs an inhaler please make sure we have one in school with instructions on when and how to use.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of this letter or have any concerns about your child, please make an appointment at the school office.

Kind regards

Gaynor Stevens

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