

Dear Parents,

Welcome back; we are all looking forward to an exciting 2019. This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering next half-term.

<b>Topic</b>	Our learning question this term is: <i>“Is Twickenham a great place to live?”</i> We will be using a variety of skills to help us find an answer to this question. We will begin our study by undertaking our own field trip of Twickenham – we will use grid references and an Ordnance Survey map to plan our own routes to ensure we visit some well-known landmarks in the town. We will also research the historical beginnings of Twickenham and how it has developed as a town. We will choose one area of Twickenham to study more closely and make recommendations on how we feel it could be improved.
<b>Science</b>	This half term we will be studying Evolution and Inheritance. The children will learn about how animals have adapted to live in different habitats and how this impacts on natural selection and their evolution over time. The children will look at the work of Charles Darwin and how he impacted current evolutionary thinking.
<b>Maths</b>	We will focus on decimals, percentages and algebra this term. In addition, we will be beginning the process of preparing children for their end of Year SAT assessments and further developing their arithmetic and reasoning skills.
<b>English</b>	Linking in to our topic of Twickenham, we will take the opportunity to focus on non-fiction styles of writing including: non-chronological reports, persuasive writing and formal letter writing. These will all be connected to elements of life in Twickenham. Guided reading will continue to help the children develop their comprehension, deduction and inference skills.
<b>PE</b>	In PE we will focus on dance within a sporting framework, including such routines as the “haka”. In games, we will be learning the skills and rules needed when playing basketball. <u><a href="#">**Please note a change of day for some classes this half term**</a></u> <u><a href="#">6Z: Thursday and Friday</a></u> <u><a href="#">6P: Wednesday and Thursday</a></u> <u><a href="#">6NS: Thursday and Friday</a></u>
<b>RE</b>	In RE our topic is “The Journey of Life to Death” where children will be investigating beliefs about life and life after death and encouraging pupils to reflect on and express their hopes for the future, share their feelings of loss caused by separation, learn about how faith can provide believers with answers to life’s most challenging and ultimate questions and also how faith challenges our attitudes, values and commitments in life.
<b>PSHCE</b>	We will look at community action: recognising the role of voluntary, community and pressure groups.
<b>Music</b>	In music, we will be researching Benjamin Britten’s life and listening to many of his works, particularly ‘A New Year Carol’ which will form our focus.
<b>Computing</b>	We will develop and undertake our own surveys to find answers to our learning question: <i>“Is Twickenham a great place to live?”</i> We will use Excel and other appropriate software to present our findings in charts and graphs to demonstrate our results.
<b>DT</b>	Looking more closely at our chosen area of Twickenham we will design and construct 3D models to present our findings on how this particular area could be improved.
<b>French</b>	We will be learning the vocabulary and structures associated with the daily routine.
<b>Key Dates</b>	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> January – 6NS to watch 3 Poplars’ assembly – drop off at Middle Site at 8.45am Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 6P Class Assembly Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – INSET

After the holidays, we will be using the new Collins SATs practice books to set homework daily. We will distribute these books on the first day back. We will inform the children each day as to which pages to complete due the next day.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

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