

Dear Parents,

Welcome back; we are all looking forward to an exciting 2020. This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering next half-term.

Year 6 Spring 1	Key question: How can we protect our rivers and oceans? Great work: A class magazine displaying the children's letters/newspaper articles
Geography	We will begin our topic with a quiz on the world's rivers and oceans. On Hook Day, we will consider the effects of over-fishing on the oceans, including its devastating impact on coral reef, the pollution of our rivers and oceans and the effect of climate change. Throughout the term, we will be learning about the journey water takes, the key features of rivers, flooding and how rivers are used.
Science	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.
Maths	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.
English	To link to our topic, in English, we will be writing newspaper articles around the issue of flooding in the UK. Later on in the term, we will look at persuasive letter writing. We will write to a key figure about the impact of climate change and its effect on our rivers and oceans. We will be consolidating our knowledge of grammar terminology and looking more closely at the active and passive voice and how these can be effective in formal writing. In addition, we will learn how different tenses (including the present/past and future progressive) can enhance our writing.
PE	In PE, we will focus on basketball (dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, attacking/defending) and dance (World dance, the Haka and Scottish dancing). <u>**Please note a change of day for some classes this half term**</u> <u>6Z: Monday and Thursday 6SK: Monday and Thursday 6M: Thursday and Friday</u>
RE	In RE, our focus is Islam - its philosophies, history and comparing the Islamic rules of living with those of other religions and our lives today. We will look at the 5 pillars of Islam, Islamic Prayer and the concept of giving in Islam – Zakat.
PSHCE	We will conclude our topic about conflict and resolving conflict and then move onto our new unit about 'Respect'. We will think about what respect is, respect in the community and respecting differences.
Music	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.
Computing	'We are publishers' - The children will be publishing a piece of their written work on our topic with a particular focus on flooding. The children will be reviewing each others' content before making final edits.
Art	Connected to our topic of rivers and oceans, we will look at the painting ' <i>The Great Wave off Kanagawa</i> ' (also known as ' <i>The Wave</i> ') by Japanese artist Hokusai. Using a variety of media, we will create our own versions of this famous painting.
French	We will revise some key vocabulary learnt in the Autumn Term (what is the weather like/what time is it). We will then look at vocabulary related to going on holiday and will learn the pronouns and verb endings for 'aller' to use in holiday conversations.
Key Dates	Please note there is <u>no celebration assembly</u> on Friday 10 th January Thursday 23 rd January – 6SK Class Assembly Friday 31 st January – Year 6 talk from local police officer for schools

After the holidays, we will continue to use the new Collins SATs practice books to set homework daily. 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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