

Year 6 Spring Term 2011



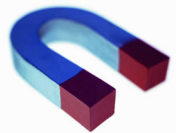
Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a good holiday. Much of our work will be linked to our creative topic called "All Change Please!" Here's a brief glimpse into what's in store for the children this term.



In **Literacy** this term children will be developing their skills in writing, focusing on non-fiction texts such as: persuasive writing, report writing, constructing balanced arguments and formal writing e.g. letters of complaint, invitations and instructions. For fiction texts we will be looking at diaries and story writing. They will be analysing texts, improving sentence structure and punctuation, thinking about the audience when writing, making appropriate vocabulary choices to engage the reader and developing editing and improving skills.

In **Maths**, children will be focusing on: multiplication and division, mental calculations strategies, pencil and paper procedures, fractions, decimals and percentages, properties of numbers, ratio and proportion and sequences. In shape, space and measures we will cover: rotations and reflections, angles, 2D and 3D shapes, perimeter, area and measures problems. In data handling we will be interpreting line graphs, frequency tables and charts. As part of these topics children will be developing their calculation skills, estimating and checking answers, as well as improving problem solving skills and the ability to apply their knowledge in a range of contexts.



In **Science** we will be studying the following topics: solids, liquids and gases as well as changing states (evaporation and dissolving). Children will develop their investigative and analytical skills in practical work, as well as identifying reasons for trends in collected data. They will also improve their ability to explain scientific phenomena using the correct technical vocabulary.

In **ICT** children will develop their skills through other areas of the curriculum. For example we will be creating spreadsheets to analyse investigation results from science experiments and analysing Victorian census data. Children will also be creating a multimedia art collage linked to our work on William Morris.

Our foundation topics are:

RE - We will be studying the similarities and differences between Judaism and Sikhism.

History - What was life like in Victorian Britain (with a specific focus on the lives of people living in Milton)? Exploring what it was like for rich and poor in Victorian times, school life, the effect of industrialisation and how have Victorians affected modern day life.

PE - We will be continuing our rugby topic and further developing our skills of attacking and defending through Aussie Rules football. Gym - 'Changes' focusing on transition skills within sequences using both the floor and a range of apparatus.

Art - Multimedia Collages: using skills of selecting and refining materials to produce a collage in the style of William Morris.

PSHCE - Going for Goals: setting appropriate goals and how to achieve them.

Homework will continue to be given on Thursdays and should be returned the following Tuesday.

Our 'termly challenge' will also be set before half term which will be linked to our creative topic on "All Change Please!"

PE takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please could all children bring appropriate indoor and outdoor PE kits (including suitable footwear and hair bobbles if required) on both days as circumstances and weather conditions may dictate where PE lessons take place. If your child needs to borrow the school PE kit, please ensure that it is washed and returned within the week.



As this is the term before SATs, all children will be involved in the preparations for these, which include, practice papers, studying from revision guides and revision of topics already covered in Maths and English. As well as this preparation, the children will continue to receive a broad and balanced curriculum.

REMINDER - SATs week: week beginning May 9th

We consider this to be a very important term for Year 6 children; therefore we respectfully ask that unnecessary absences be avoided where possible.

Mrs Keller, Mr Fraser and Miss Phillips will be continuing teaching as last term, although there will be times when the children are taught in 3, cross-class groups for Literacy and Maths. French and Music will continue to be taught by Monsieur Hicks and Miss Moulton.

We will also be beginning to think about the transition to Secondary School. It is important that children begin to take more responsibility for their own learning and develop their independence skills. At Secondary School, they will be expected to have the correct equipment with them for their lessons each day. As preparation for this it is important that the children show more responsibility for tasks such as completing and handing in their homework on time and ensuring they have their PE kits and reading books when required.

At the end of the school day if there is a change to the normal arrangements for how your child gets home please let either Mr Fraser, Mrs Keller or Miss Phillips know.

We appreciate your continued support and encouragement during this busy term.
Best wishes,

J. Fraser L. Keller C Phillips