



Welcome back! I hope you are all well and had an amazing summer and were able to make the most of all of the amazing weather we have had. I look forward to hearing all about the different activities you all got up to. Ms Beasley, Mrs Bennett, Miss Barnes and I are all ready and look forward to the term ahead.

Maths - This term begins with both year groups recapping their understanding of place value with increasingly larger numbers. The year 6's will be working with numbers up to ten million whilst the year 5's will be working with number up to one million. After our topic of place value, both year groups will be working on the four operations. We will be recapping and learning mental and formal written methods for all operations.

Literacy - This term we are going to be trialling splitting the class into its year groups for literacy as we do for maths. This will ensure that both year groups will be learning about a text in a smaller group allowing for more time with the adults to ensure a solid understanding of the literacy techniques. To start the term off, we will be recapping all of the basics that all pupils must be using to be successful in their writing. Whilst I am teaching literacy, the other half of the class will be learning spellings and doing guided reading with Mrs Bennett. Reading will be taught with a weekly extract of a text and will be mastering the different skills needed to be a successful and well-rounded reader.

Science - Throughout the whole term, we will be delving into biology looking at the human body. We will spend the first half of the term learning about how the human body grows looking at each stage of a human's development from childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age. Then we will be entering the body looking at the circulatory system. This topic will also allow pupils to develop some of their Working Scientifically skills especially recording, interpreting, reporting and evaluating different investigations.

History - This term we will be investigating and researching the life of the Birch Family who lived through The Second World War. This topic will allow for us to learn many things about the war from, the causes of the war, The Battle of Britain, The Blitz, evacuation and lots more.

Geography - After half term, we will be learning about how Great Britain trades. We will start by looking at the past to the modern day. We will also have a focus on Fair Trade and the importance of that.

Design and Technology - This term we will be looking at automated toys. Each pupil will be tasked with designing, creating and evaluating their own animal with a moving feature.

Art – This term in Art we will be learning about the artist Alberto Giacometti, who specialised in wire sculptures. In these lessons' pupils will be tasked with making their own wire sculptures of a human.

RE – Throughout the term, we will be deepening our understanding of Christianity and in particular looking at how Jesus is viewed by Christians in the present time and how it shapes the way they live their lives.

Music – This term in music we will be dissecting the popular classic of Livin on a Prayer by Bon Jovi. We will be looking at all different aspects of the song from pitch to tempo to dynamics. By the end of the term I am sure each and every pupil will know it inside out.

French – From now on French will be taught by myself rather than Ms Beasley on a Tuesday. We will be looking at being able to describe ourselves and our feelings in French.

Computing – Throughout this topic we will be researching search engines. This topic will allow us to recap how to search safely online as well as being aware of what is true and false. As well as this we are also going to be looking at the rise of AI and whether this is a good or bad thing.

PSHE – Throughout the whole term we will be discussing families and relationships this topic will allow for discussion about friendships, safety, respect and how to conduct themselves in stressful, uncomfortable and unkind situations.

PE – PE will continue being taught by Mrs Wilson every morning. Wednesday's will remain as being 'workout Wednesday' so please ensure you wear your PE kit in on that day. As we are approaching winter and potentially wetter days please make sure you bring in spare socks to change into. Pupils can wear trainers all day if they wish though they must be black, if they are not pupils will be expected to change into school shoes during break.

Forest School – Forest School will continue happening on a Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Craxton. Year 6's will have forest school first and will then swap with the year 5's after half term.

This year pupils will be sent home with homework books which they are expected to do weekly. This will be set on Wednesday and due in on the following Monday. This homework will follow on from an aspect of our learning throughout the week.

As always if you have any questions, queries or concerns please do send me a message on dojo or catch me on the gate.

All the very best

Mr Stevens