China class news letter

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the Spring term - the first half term passed by in a flash. This half term we will be celebrating World Book Day with activities in school, Sport Relief and the football team will be in action against other local schools.

Curriculum

English - We will be looking at Shakespeare’s Macbeth as part of a unit of work on significant authors. This will include letter writing, poetry and play scripts. We will also be doing some drama linked to the scripts we write. Our guided reading novel will again be “Holes” by Louis Sacher.

Maths - Multiplication and division, with a focus on formal written methods and a variety of problem solving activities.

Science - Both year groups will continue to work on the unit Animals including Humans. Year 5 will focus on puberty and how animals change and grow. Year 6 will look at internal systems, including circulation and keeping your body healthy.

Topic - Topic this term is history and we will be looking at leisure throughout the 20th century. This will include movies, football, holidays and music - we may even have a try at the twist and hand jiving!

French - We will revise previous work on food and learn how to have conversations about food we like and dislike.

Art – Use of different materials including pastels and charcoal to create alien landscapes.

RE - Salvation

PE - Both year groups will be doing football skills with NUFC. Year 5 will continue to do activities at Willowburn on a Friday morning and Year 6 will do netball in school.

Homework

Homework will continue be given out every Friday and needs to be returned by Wednesday so it can be marked. We would like the children to work as independently as possible, however, we would encourage you to talk to your child about the tasks and that they understand what to do. The children are still expected to read at home and have their reading records signed each week. Children who are not confident with their times tables need to continue to work on their skills.

Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 are being well prepared for the upcoming assessments. They have spent lots of time revising key points in both maths and English and have had the opportunity to do timed papers so they know what to expect in the May. If your child would like to do more practise at home there are lots of web sites that can help such as:

bbc bitesize

<https://www.echalk.co.uk/maths/primarynationalstrategy_yr6/dfes-mathsactivitiesforyear6/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/punctuation>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/english/>

There are also lots of other websites and apps that are available to aid revision. Your child should be aware of the areas that they need to work on and can search on the internet for sites that will help. Most of them are free, so there should be no need to pay a subscription. Many bookshops also sell revision guides, but most of the material in them is available on line.

Year 6 Residential

There will be a parents meeting towards the end of the half term to give more information about the trip to Ford Castle. We are just waiting for them to confirm some final details before we share it with you.

**Upper Key Stage 2 Class Worship (China Class)** – Wednesday 14th March 2018, 9:15 in the school hall

Many thanks for your continued support.

Rebecca Hedley