

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a very busy term. Year 6 have already been to the Lakes for their residential and they had a fabulous time. Year 5 and 6 learnt a lot about the dangers of plastic to marine life on our Mudlarks trip. We have still several visits coming up, which you should have received letters for. Please could you make sure you return the consent forms for these if you have not already done so.

<u>Curriculum</u>

<u>Topic -</u> Local History - we will be finding out about Castles in the local area, how and why they were built and what they are used for in the present day.

<u>Art -</u> Birds - a wildlife themed unit of work where children develop their skills using pencils, clay and printing. They will also explore the work of the sculptor Brancusi and the paper designer Richard Sweeney.

<u>RE</u> - People of God - Looking at how following God can bring freedom and justice.

<u>Computers</u> - Purple Mash - Databases

<u>PE</u> - NUFC - Tennis and Athletics

Music - Revision of technical terms and vocabulary from the units covered this year.

French - Holidays

<u>PSHE - Year 6 - Transition</u>

Year 5 - E safety

Science - Year 5 - Forces / Animals Including Humans

Year 6 - Living Things and Their Habitats

Maths - Year 5 - Decimals and Percentages, Shape and Measure

Year 6 – Shape, Investigations and Problem Solving

<u>Literacy</u> - Year 5 - Writing an historical story.

Year 6 - The Firebird - Story Writing.

<u>P.E.</u>

P.E. this term will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday but the children need to have their kits in school every day in case we decide to put in extra sessions prior to Sports Day. The NUFC coach is keen to work outside as much as possible so please ensure your child has a full outdoor P.E. kit and also a spare plastic bag for muddy shoes. They will also need sun cream and a sun hat now that the weather is getting warmer. Could you also ensure your child has a water bottle in school as there are several children who miss learning time when they need to go into school for a drink.

Reading and Homework

Homework is due in on a Wednesday and Reading Records on a Monday. We class reading as part of homework and ask that Reading Records are signed a minimum of 3 times a week by an adult. For the rest of this term Year 5 Maths homework is to practise times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars as this can be monitored in school. Your child has a user name and password but if they have difficulty logging on, please let us know.

Many Thanks

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