



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 6

Autumn 2nd Half Term: October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed your half term week and are now fully refreshed and ready for the second half of the Autumn term in Y6.

Our Science topic this term will be 'Electricity, Danger Low Voltage!'. The children will develop their understanding of electrical circuits through constructing their own and role-playing the flow of electricity through a circuit. They will learn to use the recognised electrical symbols to record circuits and will investigate how series and parallel circuits work. The children will plan and carry out practical activities which will investigate how different components can affect the brightness of a light bulb; they will be encouraged to record and explain results using scientific language.

In Geography the children will be working on a topic entitled **What is the Amazon like?** They will have the opportunity to find out about the Amazon region of South America, considering what it is like to live in the region, as well as how it is being damaged and how it can be protected.

In English, we will be spending most of the half term working on a narrative version of William Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. The children have already enjoyed a workshop in school from the Young Shakespeare Company and will be going to the Wylyotts Theatre in Potters Bar to see a production of Macbeth on Monday 12th November. We will, as always, continue to develop the children's writing skills, spelling, grammar and reading comprehension.

In Maths, our focus will be on mental strategies for multiplication and division, negative numbers, fractions, percentages, shape, area and perimeter and written methods for multiplication and division. In addition to this, the children will continue with their weekly arithmetic sessions. A huge part of the children's maths learning relies heavily on them knowing their multiplication tables, so please support your child at home using the TT Rock Stars programme. A gentle reminder too about RM easimaths which is an excellent online resource that supports the children's maths learning and understanding at home and at school.

The highlight of this half-term will of course be the Junior Christmas Production, **Bethlehem The Musical** by Mark and Helen Johnson, which will be performed on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December in the school hall. Rehearsals will begin almost immediately, so please encourage your children to learn any lines they may have, to ensure that during the rehearsal sessions, we can focus on the acting and the performance.

On a practical note, it would be extremely helpful if your child always has in school the things that he or she needs to participate fully in every lesson. This means having a handwriting pen and essential stationery (pencils, coloured pencils, felt pens etc.) for class work and full school PE kit including dark coloured jogging bottoms (all named please) and trainers for coached PE sessions (every Monday afternoon). Thank you.

Home learning for this term is as follows:

Daily reading for around 15 - 20 minutes each day

Tuesday: Maths (an activity/worksheet task/RM easimaths) usually completed by Thursday.

Wednesday: English (grammar/comprehension/spelling/writing task) usually completed by Friday

Wednesday: Spelling list for a test on the following Wednesday.

There will also be the occasional research task linked to the learning in class.

Class teacher: Mrs. S. Kelly

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