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Year 6 Newsletter – November 2020

Hello!

It has been a very busy half term for year 6. The children have really impressed me with their hard work and determined attitude.

Topics for this term:

This term, in **English** topic will be based around Holes by Louis Sachar. Hopefully the children enjoyed reading their copy of Holes during the summer holiday. We will be using this book to help inspire our own stories and writing persuasive letters.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: fractions. This will be a difficult topic but I'm confident the children will rise to the challenge! We will be adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions

In **Geography**, year 6 will be continuing 'Protecting planet Earth,' with this term's focus on South America and the Amazon rainforest.

Towards the end of term, year 6 will be sewing as part of our **design and technology** topic.

The children will be designing and making mobile phone cases out of felt. In **art**, the focus this term is painting. We will be focusing on impressionism and the work of Claude Monet.

Forest schools

This term year 6 will be taking part in forest school on a **Thursday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has clothes they don't mind getting dirty, a warm coat and wellies (if possible). Also please include a carrier bag to put the clothes in after our session. For this

term, forest schools will take the place of our PE lesson.

Homework & Google classroom:

Just a reminder that children should be completing their homework each week. To help the children complete their challenging fractions work, please could you work on times tables at home and Timestable Rockstars is a great way to do this.

Google classroom: please note that homework sheets will be uploaded onto Google classroom. This is to help the children to become more familiar with Google classroom should our bubble have to close. I will also use this platform for setting work for children who are having to self-isolate. Many of the login issues we have faced so far has been down to children spelling St Michaels Winterbourne incorrectly. Although as a class we talked about e-safety during our computing lessons last week, please ensure you regularly remind the children about only using their Google classroom email address to login to their Google account.

Spelling shed: the children have been given a login for this. I hope this will be a fun way for the children to learn their spellings.

Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home and they are recording in their reading record, Reading can be very relaxing and also help children extend their vocabulary. I really hope as a class we can do well in the school reading challenge.





★ **Road safety**

★ On 25th November year 6 will take part in road safety training online with the Road safety team from South Gloucestershire. With the nights drawing in much earlier now, please ensure that children riding to school have a helmet and lights on their bikes.

★ **Jigsaw: Changing me.**

★ As part of the Science curriculum: the Human Body, Sex Education is included as part of the topic. Due to lockdown during the summer term last year, the current Year 6 class missed the Year 5 programme that illustrates and explains changes that have happened to them already and changes that will occur as they grow older. Part of this programme explains puberty. As a result of missing this part of the curriculum, this term Year 6 will be taught the Year 5 programme of study. Children will view animated scientific diagrams of body parts. It can quite often be an embarrassing topic for the children and they always have lots of questions to ask.

★ **Finally, if you have any questions or queries please drop me an email.**

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