

Year 6 Newsletter

Advent Term 2019

English

At the start of this term we will be reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian as part of our narrative fiction unit.

We will also be reading short stories which have a spooky theme and we will then be writing our own chilling tale.

After half term we will be studying the genre of argument writing, where the children will write a balanced argument about a given topic.

Throughout the year, each day we will focus on a specific area of grammar. BBC Bitesize is a useful supportive tool:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

Mathematics

Help your child to learn mathematical facts by asking the following questions:

- Can you name all the 2D and 3D shapes?
- Do you know the properties of shapes of these shapes?
- Can you illustrate and name the parts of a circle?
- Can you convert between standard units?
- What are factors and multiples?

Please help your child to learn and recall their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 and the inverse division.

The following websites are very good:

www.multiplication.com www.woodlandjunior.co.uk

Science

This half term we will be studying Animals including Humans, finding out about the human body and in depth studies into how the circulatory system works.



Next half term we will be looking at Electricity. We will be creating simple circuits, using recognized symbols, investigating how components function and reporting findings from enquiries.

PSHE

Personal, Social, Health and Education Discussions this term will be around the

following topics:

- Relationships – puberty, emotions and body changes
- Mental Well-Being
- Internet Safety
- Bullying
- Physical Health and Fitness – drugs and alcohol
- Healthy Eating

Shang Dynasty

This term Year 6 will be learning about the ancient Chinese Shang Dynasty. The children will learn about where modern China is and what the terrain of the country is like, as well as locating where the Shang Dynasty once ruled.

The children will learn how to write using Chinese characters and they will compare this to the writing produced by the Shang citizens over 3000 years ago.

There will be an opportunity for the children to discover how the people living during the Shang Dynasty worshipped ancient gods as well as comparing their burial rituals to ours today.

