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Y6 Curriculum Newsletter – Space Invaders

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to give you an insight into what your child will be learning about in the Spring term in Year 6 as well as outlining a few admin essentials.

The Spring topic for KS2 is Space Invaders. In English throughout the term the children will be studying Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian and their writing will be based around this wonderful novel. The children will also be looking at persuasive letter writing and reading various stories from different cultures. Our Maths topics this term will be decimals and percentages, measurement, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, geometry and statistics.

In D&T the children will be working with both stiff and flexible materials to create their product and developing their sewing techniques in textiles. Our Art topic will be 3D art as well as developing the children's observational drawing skills. In computing the children will be learning about algorithms, programs and creating an iMovie.

In Science the children will be studying light and electricity. Our History topic in the Spring term is a study of the Vikings with our Geography topic focusing on the study of oceans, seas, lakes, rivers and the water cycle. Music will focus on sound sources and exploring musical processes. In PSHE the children will learn about healthy and safer lifestyles which will include: drugs and their uses, keeping healthy and identifying and reducing risks.

PE will be on a Monday afternoon and a Tuesday morning. Throughout the Spring term we will be developing our tag-rugby skills as well as creating gymnastic and dance routines. Please can you ensure that all PE kit items are clearly named and remind your child that they will be responsible for their kit at all times.

Spellings will be given on a Monday along with a reading journal activity, a maths sheet related to the topic being studied and also a SPAG task. All homework tasks need to be handed in on the following Monday therefore it is up to the children to manage their tasks throughout the week and not leave it all until Sunday evening. Project homework will be given occasionally. This provides an opportunity for the children to show off their creative side and present their work in a variety of ways.

Children's reading passports will be checked regularly, so it is important that your child brings it to school every day. The children are expected to read at least 4 times a week and record a summary of what they have read in the space provided in their reading passport. This is the minimum requirement throughout the school but I would like the children to read every day as they are in Year 6 and the more frequently they read the more they will develop their vocabulary, understanding and ideas for their own story writing.

I hope this letter helps to give you a little information into what your child will be doing in the Spring term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Adams and Mrs Hadfield