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## Y6 Curriculum Newsletter – SPLASH!

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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 Year 6 is called SPLASH! In English throughout the term the children will be studying Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and their writing will be based around this wonderful novel. The children will also be looking at persuasive letter writing and explanation texts throughout their cross curricular writing in Geography. Our Maths topics this term will be decimals and percentages, measurement, ratio and proportion, algebra, 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 living things and their habitats. Our Geography project in the Spring term is focusing on the study of oceans, seas, lakes, rivers and the water cycle. Music will be focusing on the following units from Charanga Music: Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi – a classic rock song and The Fresh Prince of Bel Air – old school hip hop. 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 morning and a Wednesday afternoon. 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 and the children will be tested on these spellings every Friday. They will also receive a maths sheet related to the topic being studied and 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. At times throughout the Spring term the children will be given practise SATs papers to complete for homework to help them get used to the layout of these tests and develop their pace of work. When given these practise papers they will receive a maths paper and a SPAG or reading comprehension paper and will again have one week to complete the tasks.

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 every day in Year 6 and complete their reading journal at least 4 times a week with a summary of what they have read in the space provided. Please help with encouraging your child to read as the more frequently they read the more they will develop their vocabulary, understanding and ideas for their own story writing. It will also help to prepare them for the requirements and demands of the Secondary School curriculum and homework expectations.

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 Kempster and Mrs Adams