Year 5/6 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 3 - January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first curriculum newsletter for this 2022. My name is Mrs Claire Moffatt and I will be teaching Jays Class for the rest of this academic year. I am very much looking forward to getting to know the whole school community and to working in partnership with you all. Attached to this newsletter is a homework sheet to accompany this term's work in school.



English: This term, we are developing our understanding of key features of different text types – with a focus on adventure texts and biographical texts. Firstly, we are going to be working hard on improving our written work using by remembering to apply the rules for using non-negotiable punctuation. We are learning how to engage the reader by developing our use of expanded noun phrases, relative clauses and fronted adverbials. In addition, we are continuing to develop our ability to punctuate direct speech and include it in our fictional writing.

Maths: Much of our work this term will involve applying our knowledge of number to our work on fractions. We will be recapping on prior knowledge, and developing our ability to add and subtract fractions before moving on to multiplication of fractions. Throughout our work, we will be developing our ability to rapidly recall number facts, and develop our ability to reason and problem solve.

Theme Following a mini-project on the school value of 'Trust', the children will be using the adventure theme to develop their fiction writing. A future key theme, this term, is based on biographies about the famous artists Dali and Picasso. This will enable the children to not only develop their writing skills, but also gain an understanding of the skills and styles of these world famous artists.

RE This term's big question is 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' Children will gain an understanding of the values and beliefs of Muslims and how this affects the way in which they live their lives. The children will be encouraged to compare Islam with another faith, e.g. Christianity, and reflect from different perspectives including their own.

Computing: The children will be using their coding skills to map out a text adventure (a story-based adventure game). They will be learning to de-bug their code when it does not work correctly.

PE This term, we will be travelling to Dover Leisure Centre for 5 weeks of swimming lessons with qualified instructors. Pupils will need to bring in their swimming costume/trunks a towel and a brush. Ideally, long hair should be tied up or plaited.

French: This term, the children will be recapping on prior knowledge of spoken language. They will be learning how to describe ways of travelling to the many different countries in which French is spoken.

If you have any queries, please contact me via the school office, drop in or email me using the following details: cmoffatt@nonington.kent.sch.uk.

Kind regards, Mrs C Moffatt

Woodlands

This term, the children will continue to build a range of skills during their weekly woodland sessions.