

# Fair Field Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## This Summer Term in Year 6...

Welcome to the final term of Year 6. Please have a look at the exciting topics we will be learning about this term! Below is a summary of this term's curriculum, forthcoming activities and homework timetable.

# **English**

In English, this term we will be using various narratives as a basis for exploring different aspects of writing. Our first narrative will be 'Big Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman followed by J.K Rowling's 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.' Throughout the different units the children will have the opportunity to explore various styles and genres of writing including newspaper articles, diary entries and narratives.

### Maths



In Maths, we will be focusing on revision and ensuring that the children are confidently able to understand and solve a wide range of problems and calculations. After the half term, we will be working on a maths based project which links in with other topics covered in the wider curriculum.

### Science

Our Science lessons will be based on evolution and adaption. We will be looking at how various species have adapted and evolved over years in order to survive. The children will also have the opportunity to explore how different animals are grouped and classified according to their characteristics.

# Computing

In computing this term, we will be learning to create our own codes, using the program Scratch. We will also revisit the SMART rules and think about how these apply to our lives both in and outside of school. We will also be working on a class project that will provide children with opportunities to develop their editing skills.

## History

We will be studying the Ancient Mayans. We will be looking at different aspects of life as we investigate the legacy that this ancient civilisation has left on modern civilisation.

# Geography

After the half term, we will be developing our map skills as we learn to read and interpret different maps, use a compass in order to navigate ourselves within our environment.

# D & T and Art

In art, the children will be further developing their drawing techniques as we study the life and work of the contemporary British artist Chris Ofili. Children will be learning to create

their own African patterns, inspired by the work of Chris Ofili . The children will also be exploring the effects and impact of different mediums as they work with pastels, charcoal, pencil and watercolours. After half term, we will move on to D&T, where we shall be using our design skills as we design and create our own draw string bags. We will also be designing and making our own cupcakes as part of our maths based project.

# Music

In Music, we will be focusing on music theory and musical notation and applying this theoretical knowledge, reading sheet music in order to play the recorder. Children will revisit prior learning to play the notes of A, B and G on the recorder. They will expand their knowledge this term by learning to play the notes of E and D on the recorder. Children will play a variety of different songs incorporating these notes and will be able to read the musical notation of these chosen songs. Children will also have the opportunity to compose their own songs by writing their own musical notation. Children will then have the chance to perform their compositions to the class. Children will use the recorders they purchased last year, however if you need to purchase a recorder for your child, they can be purchased through the school at a cost of £2 payable via gateway.

## French

In French, we will be developing basic vocabulary and taking part in simple conversations as we look at the topic 'Moi Dans Le Monde.'

# RE

This term in RE, we will be linked to our science topic and we will look at science and religion can both complement and contradict each other. After the half term we will be looking at how art can be used as a form of religious expression and celebration.

# **PSHE**

In PSHE this term, we will be spending a lot of time discussing relationships. We will be spending time together discussing how we can continue to build and develop strong and healthy relationships before moving on to discuss the topic 'Changing Me', which will look at some of the big changes that are happening in their lives as they get ready for the next chapter.

## PE and Games

The children will have PE twice a week. Both classes will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. It is important that on these days, your child come to school wearing the correct kit.

#### Homework

Up until the SATS period is over, children will have at least 2 pieces of homework set weekly. Children are also encouraged to log on to the SATS Buster website (the link is on Google Classroom) and can continue to use the resources on this website until the end of the year.

Your child should spend time reading every day and should be reading to an adult at least twice a week. This includes at least 20 minutes of reading on MyON. We will be checking reading records each Monday. We ask that there are at least 3 comments made in the reading record each week, 2 of which should be made by your child.

Spelling will be given out on a Friday (on Google Classroom) and will be tested the following Friday.

If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with us. Yours sincerely,

Miss Gray & Miss Hyde Year 6 Teaching Team