

18th September 2015

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and look forward to learning with your child. Firstly I would like to introduce myself, I am Jonny Savage and will be teaching alongside Karl Cross in Year 6 this year. We just wanted to say that our doors are always open if you have any concerns or worries then please feel free to come and see us. This year will be an exciting and challenging year for the Year 6 and we intend to make it a very memorable one for them.

In literacy we are beginning with persuasive letters and the features associated with this so we apologise in advance if you start getting letters trying to persuade you to make their bed time a little later! We will then move onto explanation texts where the children will have to explain the features of a machine that they will be designing in design and technology. We will then move onto some free verse poetry and will link this to creating some music to go with a final dramatic performance.

In maths we will be looking at a lot of mental and written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as 2d and 3d shapes. Each week the class will do a short mental maths test that will focus on questions linked to the work we have done during the week.

In this first term we will be looking at the sci-fi novel war of the worlds and our learning hero will be the journalist on whom the story is based. War of the worlds is a fantastic topic as it opens lots of exciting opportunities for cross curricular learning. We will be looking at classifying living organisms in science (and maybe a few extra-terrestrial ones!) included in this we will be looking at Carl Linnaeus and his model of classification. In geography we will be looking at different places and comparing the human (migration and economics) and physical aspects (rivers, mountains and volcanoes) of them. We will also spend a little time looking at plate tectonics. In computing we will look at E Safety firstly and then we will look at creating our own game using scratch software. In PE, which we will be doing on a Tuesday, we will be doing basketball so please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school by Tuesday.

So as you can see there is a huge amount to fit in this year and on top of this there will be one piece of home learning sent home each week and one set of spellings that are appropriate to your child. There will also be a wide range of extra-curricular activities for your child to partake in, so one thing they won't be this year is bored!

Like we said before if you have any concerns about your child or want to discuss their progress at any time please feel free to come and make an appointment with us.

Thank you for your support

Jonny Savage and Karl Cross