

St Philip's Primary School

Year 6 Curriculum Letter Autumn 2011

Hello!

Dear Parents,

Well they've have made it to Year 6! (Despite their arrival in Reception not seeming anytime ago at all, I'm sure). Having had a few days to get to know the class, I am sure we have a great year ahead. As we start the year, I want to take the opportunity to say that I am always available to discuss any concerns that you have – please do just come and find me at the end of the day. I look forward to meeting you.

David Hirst

Curriculum Outline

Just so that you can get ahead in knowing the difficult questions you are likely to be asked! If there are areas we are studying that you feel you could help out with, please do get in touch.

Literacy -

We will be re-visiting the various types of fiction and non-fiction text that the children will have met in previous years. Topics will include 'Carrie's War', 'Pirates' and 'Stormbreaker'. There will be an ongoing push to develop accurate and ambitious writing styles in preparation for High School.

Maths

We follow a spiral curriculum and so each term will cover the key areas of calculation, measure, shape and data handling. This term, our mental maths focus will be on securing all times tables and developing strategies for mental problem solving.

Science

Key topics this term are 'Forces in Action' and 'Making Circuits'.

ICT

We will be developing work on spreadsheets from Year 5 and later on in the term looking at ways in which to use sound and pictures to present ideas.

History / Geography –

We begin the year linking our History and English as we look again at aspects of World War II and we will then move on to look at British history over the second half of the twentieth century.

Art/DT

In Art we will be looking at the work of Clifford Harper and using his style to develop our own landscapes. DT later in the term will link to our World War II theme and investigate the construction of shelters.

RE

We will be introducing our year's theme of 'Life as a Journey' and then looking at the topics, 'Following Jesus' and 'Christmas and Advent'.

PHSCE

Topics are 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling out'. We will also explore the issues raised during Anti-bullying Week.

PE

We are fortunate to have a rugby coach available to us this term who will be working with the class. We will also be playing netball and working on performance in gymnastics.

Dates for the Diary

17th October – Parents'

Evening

19th October, 2.15pm – Buddy

Assembly

24th – 28th October – Half Term

8th December, 7pm – Junior Christmas Concert

16th December – End of Term

Homework

Homework for the week will be set on Mondays and will usually involve a spelling focus, a maths theme to look at and ONE more substantial task that the children can work on over the week to be handed in on Friday (or the Monday following if that works better). Hopefully setting a single larger task will allow them to develop skills in planning their work that will help them in High School. Reading remains an important focus and any encouragement you can give your child to read regularly at home would be appreciated.