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6TM newsletter

Dear families,

Happy New Year. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable time over the festive period and your child is well rested. This term is going to be a very busy term for the pupils in 6TM as not only will we be continuing with the core curriculum, we have a couple of new projects that the children will be involved with.

Projects

During PPA lessons on a Tuesday, the children will be involved in two exciting projects. In art sessions, children will be learning about art in other cultures with a focus on "truck art" from Pakistan. The other project allows the children to develop some workplace/life skills through a Hobbycraft project. The objective of this is for the children to learn about running a small craft business for profit. The children will be learning about branding, managing a budget, making, marketing and selling a product. We look forward to seeing what they produce.

Topic

This term, during our topic lessons, we will be learning about what crime and punishment was like in the UK across different ages from the Roman period to modern day. We will also look at the creation of the modern police force.

PE lessons

We will be continuing to work on improving fitness, co-ordination and flexibility this term. On Thursdays we will be doing gymnastics (this will be indoors). A full school PE kit is required for this lesson. On Fridays will be doing hockey and some cross country. As this will be outdoors, pupils need to be wearing trainers (not plimsolls) and a navy tracksuit or sweatshirt is advised. No hoodies.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will focus on inclusion, stereotyping and addressing extremism this follows on from our work on community and belonging at the end of last term. In the first lessons on stereotyping children will be helped to recognise the ways in which stereotyping can negatively impact on attitudes towards different groups of people. They will also explore how they can challenge the assumptions that underpin stereotyping. Following on from this, lessons on extremism will consider the various ways in which people may be influenced by those around them, how this can sometimes be in a negative way and the impact it can have on their attitudes and behaviours. These lessons also help pupils recognise times when they or their friends might be more vulnerable to external influences and how this can increase their susceptibility to prejudiced or extremist views.

Homework

Maths and English homework will be set on a Monday and is expected to be handed in on a Friday. Pupils can also attend homework club at school on Thursday if they need to in order to complete their work. Pupils are also reminded that they should be working on either Prodigy/Times Tables Rockstars/Timestables.co.uk/SATs bootcamp to support their learning as part of their weekly homework. As there is no topic related homework, pupils are expected to spend more time independently working on their reading, grammar and maths skills. All pupils should also be reading each night.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Michelmores, Mrs Webb, Mr Gwilliam, Mrs Wiper

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