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Dear Parents / Carers,




We are writing to share with you an overview of the topics that your child will be learning in the second half of the Spring term in Years 5 and 6.









As we approach SATs, the Year 6 children have been given the option not to complete their usual Friday Challenges, and have instead be given Maths and English homework relevant to the work we are revising in class. Please continue to encourage and help your child with these tasks and tell us if you notice they are having any particular difficulties. Year 5 Friday challenges will continue as before.

If you have any questions about the information below, please feel free to make an appointment or call into school and see us.

Thank you for your ongoing support

The UKS2 Team

| Curriculum area | Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term. | Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas. |
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| <p>English</p>  | <p>Writing non-chronological reports based on student research</p> <p>Writing and responding to different poems</p> <p>Improving the depth of comprehension answers</p> <p>Improving our understanding and use of grammar</p> | <p>Your child will still be expected to read for at least 15 minutes each evening. You can also help your child by discussing what they have read.</p> <p>Try the grammar games at: http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html</p> |
| <p>Mathematics</p>  | <p>Multiplication and division</p> <p>Algebra</p> <p>Metric Measures and problem solving</p> <p>Fractions, decimals and percentages</p> | <p>Understanding how to find simple fractions and percentages of whole numbers.</p> <p>Try the maths games at http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html</p> |
| <p>Science</p>  | <p>Evolution and inheritance</p> | <p>One of the Friday Challenges is to complete a family tree. Talk about the features and characteristics that your child may have inherited.</p> |

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| <p>History</p>  | <p>The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings</p> | <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxsbcdm</p> <p>Is a good source of videos and information about the historical periods we are studying.</p> |
| <p>Art and Design</p>  | <p>Making Viking longships from clay</p> <p>Shelters (continued from last half term)</p> | <p>Research Viking longships to get ideas for your clay model.</p> <p>As the weather improves, think about making a bird or hedgehog box to support garden wildlife.</p> |
| <p>PE</p>  | <p>Inside: Gymnastics</p> <p>Outside: Tag rugby with Kendal Rugby Club.</p> | <p>Please make sure your child has our school P.E. kit: black or blue shorts and a plain white t-shirt.</p> <p>P.E. will be on Monday and Friday for Mr Svatin's class and Tuesday and Friday for Mrs McNeil's and Miss Breeze's class.</p> |
| <p>Music</p>  | <p>Appreciating the elements within 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air' and studying the techniques behind Rap Music</p> | <p>Listen to the song being studied and explore the genre – with parental supervision</p> |
| <p>RE</p>  | <p>The Easter Story and its message for Christians</p> | <p>Have a look at the www.topmarks.co.uk site for a good child-friendly version of the Easter story.</p> |
| <p>ICT and Computing</p>  | <p>Scratch – making simple games</p> | <p>Scratch is a great programming tool that the children can use at home and in school. It is free to download or can be used online.</p> |
| <p>Global Awareness</p>  | <p>Arctic and Antarctic Week</p> | <p>In class we will be considering the challenges of global warming.</p> |
| <p>Citizenship</p>  | <p>Rights and Responsibilities</p> | <p>How does the law affect us as we grow older?</p> |

Dates for your diary:

5/3/19 'How to help your child with maths' meeting for parents at 3.30 p.m.

6/3/19 Year 5 visit to Kendal Town Hall for a piano concert

11/3/19 Visit by Lancashire Museum Service (Hrothgar the Viking)

14/3/19 SATs meeting for Year 6 parents

15/3/17 Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform)

w/b 25/3/17 Parents' Consultations

29/3/17 Last day for Edinburgh Residential Payments

w/b 13/5/17 SATs week