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May 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to Summer Term 2 in Year 5. Our curriculum theme will be **Walls and Barricades**.



MAIN LEARNING THEME

This theme is history and geography-based, but encompasses citizenship, art and design and music. We will be looking at what life was like when Hadrian's Wall was built; the effects of the rise of The Berlin Wall; the impact of the Great Wall of China; Apartheid in South Africa - and how social barriers are created.

Vocabulary

Social barriers, barricades, apartheid, defence, economy, human rights, segregation, social boundaries

MATHS

We will be covering the following topics areas in Maths in the second half of the summer term:

- Addition and Subtraction (mental and written methods)
- Problem Solving (mixed)
- Statistics (data handling)

Children need to continue to learn their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 as this will help them with their mathematical workings. Regular tables practice is included in weekly homework tasks.

ENGLISH

In Literacy and Language, we will be studying a playscript, *Father's Day* by Lou Kuenzler. Children will study the plot and sub-plot and dramatic convention. Elements of performance will also be included. Children will look at the stages of development of a script, then go on to write an extra scene for the play.

Supporting books:

Father Day by Lou Kuenzler

The Worst Thing About My Sister by Jacqueline Wilson

Saffy's Angel by Hilary McKay

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

The Family from One End Street by Eve Garnett

Children should continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks.

PE

PE will be covered in two one-hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Please send this kit in with your child on Monday and take home on Friday of each week to be washed. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Stud earrings (only) are allowed in school, which will have to be removed by the child, or covered with a plaster. Please ensure that your child has a clean PE kit each week. Trainers are essential for outdoor PE.

PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT

We would like to invite you to join us in the classroom to share our work on 'Britain at Play' and to eat strawberries and cream on **Tuesday 9th June 2015** at 2.40 pm. We will have a further 'sharing afternoon' at a later date in the Summer term, to update you on our new topic work.

HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive a Maths and an English homework task each week. The homework will be given out on Wednesday after school, to be returned the following week on Wednesday morning.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half-term home learning '**POWER** project', which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. Ideas of what this could cover are the study of a particular sport or recreational activity that you or your family enjoy. Activities should include opportunities to:

- **Develop creativity**
- **Explore mathematical skills**
- **Extend research skills**
- **Explore the locality**

This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. This can involve the whole family and should be linked to our topic theme; the more creative the better! Your child can use the Internet to carry out research, create PowerPoints, use photographs, diagrams with annotations etc.

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading books which they can share with you at home and will be changed weekly. Year 5 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. In addition, if your child has a school kindle, different titles (of their own choosing) will be uploaded regularly.

BREAK TIME SNACK

A piece of fruit for break time snack is appropriate. Please remember that we encourage healthy eating. We must also remind you that we are a nut free school. Do not send your child to school with any food item containing nuts.

SCHOOL MEALS

A hot school meal is available each day. Please ensure that this is paid for in advance using our ParentPay system.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Mrs Marlow
Class Teacher

Mrs McFarland
TA

Mrs Gill
TA

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

