

Dear Parents,

I welcome you and your child to Year 6, for what is to be an important year in their education. With hard work, stamina, and the will to succeed I'm sure everyone will achieve their goals and have fun along the way in their final year at Farington Moss St. Paul's Church of England Primary School.

It is essential children complete all homework and that it is handed in on time. A special reward system is in place to encourage this. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday.

If you have any concerns or queries please come in to see me.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Eccleston.

Listed below is an outline of the subjects and the topics to be covered this term.

English

This half term our topic is 'Survival' with both the core and foundation subjects based around this theme as much as possible. In Reading, children will be recognising themes within and across texts e.g. hope, fortune, survival. They will infer characters feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, justifying inferences with evidence e.g. Point: Evidence: Explanation. They will explain the effect on the reader of the authors' choice of language and the reasons why the author may have selected these. They will participate in debates on issues related to reading.

Children will use a combination of skimming, scanning and close reading across a text to locate specific details. They will learn how to re-read and read ahead to locate clues to support understanding and justify with evidence from the text.

In Writing they will introduce and develop characters through blending action, dialogue and description within sentences and paragraphs.

They will reflecting upon the effectiveness of writing in relation to audience and purpose, suggesting and making changes to enhance effects and clarify meaning. They will also evaluate and improve performances of compositions focusing on intonation and volume and audience engagement.

Children will receive Grammar homework through the SPAG.com website. They will also complete a 'Big write' and have a guided reading session. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings and read for at least 15 minutes each day.

Mathematics

Topics covered this term are: Mental arithmetic and problem solving/reasoning, Number and place value, Addition and subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Statistics. Children should continue to practise all the times tables up to 12 x. Children will receive weekly homework on mymaths.co.uk.

Science

Our topic in Biology this term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Children will: recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. They will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and

that adaptation may lead to evolution. Homework may be given out from time to time and will be linked to the lessons work.

Computing

We will begin the year by focusing on the importance of keeping safe when we use the internet. We will talk about how important it is to keep personal information safe and to know what to do if anything inappropriate appears on screen when using a website. We will use the SMART message to be safe online.

This will be an on-going theme throughout this year. The website <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> has some good internet safety information for both parents and children. Our other topic for this half term is Digital research and children will choose to use the internet when appropriate as a tool for independent research, e.g. gathering text, images, videos and sound as resources to use in their own work.

P.E.

This term the topic is Invasion Games and pupils will be taught to: Use a range of skills to keep possession and make progress towards a goal or target on their own and with others, choose when to pass or dribble, and get into positions to shoot or score. The beyond sport team will teach the children 'fun fitness' on a Thursday afternoon for 5 weeks.

Art

This unit explores the theme of camouflage within the natural world. Children will explore images and use to develop drawings and paintings which experiment with camouflage. In drawing they will investigate images of animals in camouflage e.g. orange oak leaf butterfly, owl butterfly, tawny owls against bark, birds' eggs, snake in sand etc. In painting they will develop a drawing into painting e.g. repeat the image of the orange oak leaf butterfly hidden amongst dead leaves or snakes hidden in sand, and will challenge the viewer to find butterflies or snakes.

Geography

For the topic on 'Survival' pupils will be taught to describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

Music

Children will take part in singing as part of whole school worship and in lesson during class worship.

R.E

Our whole school worship theme is 'Thankfulness'. Our RE topic this half term is 'Life as a journey'. Children will explore these important events through the following questions: In what ways can life be compared to a journey? In what ways does having faith give meaning and purpose to the journey of life? Is choosing to journey through life as a Christian an easy option? Why? Why not? Is every person's journey the same? Why not? Why do people go on a pilgrimage? Does a pilgrimage have to be to a place of worship?