

**MILTON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
CAMBRIDGE**

September 2009

Dear Parents,

We welcome you all to Year 6 where we are looking forward to a busy and productive term. Hopefully you had an enjoyable holiday and you and your children are ready for the exciting term ahead! We would like to take this opportunity to supply you with some useful information to help you support your child during their first term in Year 6.

Hunstanton Trip

As part of our Geography work this term, we will be visiting Hunstanton for the day to carry out a number of fieldwork tasks. The trip will take place on Tuesday 22nd September. Last week's letter should have provided all necessary information.

Midlands Trip







As the term progresses we will be sending you further information regarding the proposed field trip to take place in the week of 7th – 11th June. There will be a meeting for parents on Wednesday 7th October- letter to follow!

Curriculum Information

Literacy:

During the course of the term Year 6 will be following a series of units designed to help them further their literacy skills, whilst also preparing for the SATs in May. As part of these units pupils will study extracts from a variety of sources and many well-known authors.

The list of units for the Autumn term are as follows:

-  Recount – the retelling of a story or series of events;.
-  Poetry – a series of classic poems by famous poets such as Ted Hughes.
-  Report writing – looking at formal writing and how to construct a non-chronological report.
-  Playscripts – learning all about play script writing, performance and critique.
-  Journalistic – Reading a range of newspaper articles and writing their own versions.
-  Narrative – examining narrative technique.

Each class will also read a class novel and take part in group guided reading and writing sessions in small groups.

Numeracy:

Place value, ordering, rounding

Multiplication and division, including mental strategies, pencil and paper procedures

Money and 'real life' problems

Making decisions and checking results

Using a calculator

On Mondays the two maths sets will work together on practical problem-solving.

We will be working hard this term on making sure that children know their tables facts; any help that you can give in this area would be extremely beneficial to your child!

Science:

Making plants grow well

Changing circuits

Dissolving

Reversible & irreversible changes

RE:

Responses to nature; Men and women of faith and courage.

French:

As well as revising the topics covered in Year 5, we will be continuing conversation practice and beginning to read and write in French.

ICT:

We will be focusing on the theme of communicating and presenting information. This will include the use of programs such as Publisher and Excel.

History and Geography:

This half term we will be studying Hunstanton as a contrasting locality in the UK. An important part of this topic is a field trip to Hunstanton to carry out a number of investigations to aid our work. After half term, our topic will be 'Victorians', and we will be visiting the Folk museum for a 'Dickens Christmas'.

Design and Technology:

Pulleys and motors - designing and making a fairground ride.

Creative Arts:

A range of projects associated with our topic work on Coasts and Victorians.

Games / PE:

Year 6 will be looking at computer games in dance, partner work; symmetry and asymmetry in gymnastics, and tag rugby and netball in games.

PE for both year 6 classes will be on Mondays and Fridays.

Please ensure that P.E. kits are named! Also your child will need a tracksuit for rugby and netball as the weather gets colder.

Homework:

Your child has been given a homework diary that they need to bring with them to school and take home each day. These will be checked by us weekly. It would be a great help to us if you could sign your child's homework diary to show that they have done at least an hour's reading at home over the week. Maths and spelling homework will be set regularly each week, and should take no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ hour. There will also be a 'floating' homework linked to another subject; this will be written in your child's homework diary to remind them when it is due in.

We hope this information will be of help. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us so we can deal with them promptly.

Yours sincerely,

Miss G Wild & Mrs S Thompson