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(Voluntary Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter outlines the curriculum for Years 5 and 6 for the Autumn Term.

Our Maths topics this half-term include multiplications using written methods, fractions (adding and subtracting fractions, ordering fractions, equivalence), division involving remainders and fractions, problem solving using the four operations, & algebraic reasoning.

In **English** this term we will be studying cinquain poems with a link to History and the WW1 centenary. We will continue our unit on report writing using ‘Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide To The Fantastical World Around You’ as our main text. We will also complete a unit on Recounts this term. We will continue to develop our handwriting skills as well as working on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

In **R.E.** this term we will be continuing to learn about Christianity and Judaism and how light is symbolic in the religious celebrations of Hannukah and Christmas.

In **Science** this half term our topic will be Light. We will be learning how light travels and enables us to see objects, exploring reflection and refraction and understanding how light enables us to see colours.

Our **Computing** topic this half term is ‘We are game developers’

In **Geography** our topic is ‘Climate Change’. We will be studying climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts as well as identifying the key areas such as the northern and southern hemisphere and different time zones around the world.

Our **Design and Technology** topic will be textiles based.

In **Music** this term, children will be learning how to play the Ukulele. These lessons will be delivered by a member of staff from the Hertfordshire Wider Opportunities Music Scheme.

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During our **P.E.** and **Games** lessons we will be focusing on Basketball when children will learn skills and techniques to apply in game situations. PE will be on Monday and Tuesday but please make sure PE kits are in school every day.

In French this half term we will be learning the days of the week, the months of the year and how to tell the time in French

Finally, in **PSHE** this term, our topics cover ‘Rules are us’ some more and ‘Do what you want to do’

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries/questions about the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dill and Mrs Simpkins