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Dear Parents/Carers,

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

In **Maths** this term we will be studying the following units: Number and place value reasoning, multiplicative reasoning (multiplication and division) and number properties reasoning. We will continue to work on our mental maths skills with a weekly mental maths test. In addition, in every unit of work we will be working on our problem-solving skills.

In **English** this term we will be studying Fiction genres where we will be reading and identifying a range of genres and writing our own short stories. We will move on to reading and writing stories using flashback as part of the narrative. 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 learning about Christianity and Judaism through a unit of work titled 'Rules for Living' when we explore how Jewish rules affect everyday lives of Jewish people.



Our **Science** topic for the first half term will be Earth and Space. We will be learning about the planets in our solar system, exploring the rotation of the Earth and how this causes day and night as well as learning about the Moon and its movements. We will be developing our scientific enquiry skills as we learn how to report and present findings from enquiries, explain theories using scientific evidence and ask scientific questions.

Our **Computing** topic this half term is 'We are photographers'



In **History** this term our topic is The Ancient Greeks. We will learn about the Ancient Greek gods and goddesses, democracy and government, schooling and the alphabet, food, architecture and the Olympics

In **Art** our focus is Greek pottery,

Our **Design and Technology** topic will be covered in the second half term.



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.



During our **P.E.** and **Games** lessons in the first half term we will be focusing on Hockey 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 to describe using adjectives.

Finally, in **PSHE** this term, our topics cover 'Think about others' feelings' and 'Rules are us'.

You are very welcome to come along to the Year 5 & 6 curriculum information meeting, which will be held on **Monday 17**th **September at 2:40**, to find out more information about the year ahead.

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