



Dear Parents /Carers,

Wow! What an amazing term where we have been learning all about the Science and designing involved in Fairgrounds. Year 6 performed an amazing assembly to the school and parents. They did a super job of showcasing the learning of this term.

Overview of Themes and Trips and Visitors for the year

Spring Term 1 - History Detectives. We will be looking at the Shang Dynasty.

Spring Term 2 – Geography Explorers. We will be walking around the town developing our geography skills.

Summer Terms – Conflict. At the end of the Summer Term, our learning about 'Conflict' will be enriched by our Residential Trip to France. Children who are not coming on the residential will be going on trips to Duxford, Wellingborough Museum and the National Memorial Arboretum.

The Shang Dynasty

This term, our theme will be taking us back in time to The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. We will look at the achievements of this earliest civilization and discover more about it by looking at various artefacts and different sources of information. As historians we will compare different historical sources and look at plausible reasons for change and development over time.

WOW

Our WOW days will begin in modern day China celebrating culture and seasonality as we research and design food products. The children will use their research to help them design and make their own dish for our Chinese restaurant.



English

In English, we will be reading Michael Morpurgo's story 'King of the Cloud Forests', which is a fantasy story set in China. We will be learning how to write our own fantasy story, which follows the structure of a 'tale of fear'. We will then move on to using persuasive devices to construct a magazine article. To support your child at home, ask them about their writing targets.

Year 5 Maths

Next term, Year 5 will be consolidating their learning of area and

perimeter. They will then move on to becoming fluent with multiplication and division as well as applying these skills to problems and a variety of situations.

Year 6 Maths

Next term, we will be completing our learning of co-ordinates, translations and reflections. We will then be consolidating our learning of decimals and percentages. Children need to be able to recall common fractions, decimals and equivalent percentages. We'll also be learning about how percentages are used in real life situations and how to calculate discounts and sales.

What we ask of the children at home

We want to encourage the children to talk as much as possible about their learning; this helps them to practise and consolidate the skills and knowledge they have gained during the school day. The following is expected of the children:



- **Read at home 3 times per week** – the children can write in their reading log themselves, but please add your initials or signature. Oxford owl is a great online resource!
- **Practise set spellings 3 times per week** – these could be written in their homework book or just practised out-loud
- **Practise their times tables and corresponding division facts 3 times per week**
- **Mathletics** – children should use this amazing resource at least once per week.

PE

PE kit should be in school every day as we are not always able to stick to our planned PE days. PE kit should include clothing suitable for the weather along with plimsolls (trainers are sometimes a better option if possible). Earrings should not be worn for PE; if your child has recently had them pierced, please write a letter to your child's class teacher and provide tape for them to wear during PE lessons.

Water bottles should be brought to school with fresh water each day and taken home to be cleaned each evening. This is essential to keep children hydrated throughout the day, including during PE lessons.



Year 6 have swimming lessons every Thursday afternoon this term; please ensure your child has full kit with them.

Key Dates: – please see attached

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Durrheim, Mrs Brett, Mrs Brightwell and Mrs Tracey