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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Spring 2 2023

During the first half of the Spring Term, children in Year 6 made brilliant progress in their learning. They also made great improvements in their oracy, in their ability to work as a team and to show determination in their learning.

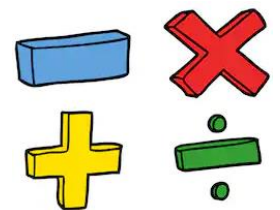
Trips and events

This term we have 3 class trips; we will need parent volunteers to attend with us. If you are available to support on either of these trips, please email me at k.burton@samares.sch.je

- Monday 18th March - Author visit at Le Rocquier School 9am - 11am (walking)
- TBC - Synagogue 9am - 11am (coach)
- TBC - War Tunnels 12pm - 3pm (coach - children will need to have an early lunch and so will need packed lunch for this day).

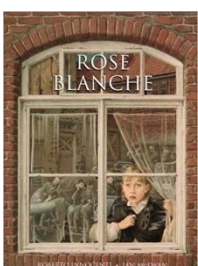
Maths

This half term, we will be learning about negative number followed by algebra. We will also be calculating the area, perimeter and volume of shapes, which means children will be adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimal numbers in order to do these calculations. Quick recall of multiplication facts is essential so please encourage your child to learn their times tables if they do not know them already. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes including coordinates, reflection and working out the angles in shape.



Literacy - reading

The whole class novels which we will be reading this half term are *Once* by Morris Gleitzman, and *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne. Children will practise reading fluently as well as answering questions related to the text. Every day, we also have the opportunity for free-choice reading. Please ensure your child has something to read for free-choice reading (a book, a comic, instructions, etc).



Literacy - writing

In Literacy this half term, we will be writing diaries and explanation texts. We will be linking our Literacy learning to our History topic, using a World War 2 text, *Rose Blanche*, as a stimulus for writing our diaries.

Science - Electricity

Our science topic this half term will build on learning from Year 4. Children will learn to represent circuits using symbols in a diagram. They will learn about two of the most important scientific inventors in the field of electricity - Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. Children will get the opportunity to develop their understanding of what electricity is and how to measure it.



History - WW2

We will learn when and why World War II began and find out about the key individuals and countries involved. In addition to this, we will discover all about evacuation; learn what it was like to live with food rationing and what life was like in Jersey during the war. Furthermore, we will learn important facts about the Holocaust and investigate events that were key turning points in the war, such as the Battle of Britain and Liberation Day.

RE - Judaism

This half term we will learn about Judaism and will focus on the beliefs of Jews. This will also link to our history and literacy learning.



PE

During the Spring term, Year 6 will continue to have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Mr Cox from Jersey Sport. Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit, including a PE jacket for lessons outside, jogging bottoms (not leggings) and appropriate trainers or plimsolls.

Homework

Year 6 will continue to receive weekly homework which will include:

- Maths (building on recent learning from Year 6 objectives)
- Spellings (Year 6 Jersey Curriculum)

Homework will be given out on a Monday and collected in the following Monday.

There is a homework tray in the classroom for children to put their homework in and they are welcome to give it in earlier in the week. If your child loses their homework, please let us know immediately and they can either print or email another copy.

Any children who do not hand in their homework will need to complete it during their lunch time on Monday. Please encourage children to take responsibility for their own learning in preparation for secondary school.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to email me.

Kind regards,

Miss Burton

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