

## Maths

This term in Maths, Otters are looking at the Multiplication and Division more carefully. Year 6 will begin the build up to SATs in May by taking a couple of practice tests now and again and then revising any areas that need revisiting.

Children will have plenty of opportunities to be hands on by using manipulatives within their learning and will be able to demonstrate their knowledge to each other.

We will also be practising mental arithmetic, our KIRFs and our times tables. Look out for information on KIRFs – Key Instant Recall Facts

To succeed in Maths, times table knowledge is vital so the more log-ons to times table rock stars the better! Any other practice is more than useful.

## English

This term, we will, as always, focus on improving spelling and grammar. Creative Writing will feature heavily for a couple of weeks with a closer look at different types of poetry – free verse and narrative.

In our Non-Fiction writing we will be appraising our artwork and musical compositions as well as biographical writing for some of the prominent figures in both units.

Mrs Holness and I would like to emphasize the importance of regular reading at home as it helps in every single aspect of this key subject. Please encourage your child to strive to hit their AR target and fill in the new Homework diary when your child has read and/or practiced their spellings.

## PSHE/RSE

This term in PSHE we will be covering R.S.E.

Year 5; • Pupils learn how to explain the physical and emotional changes that happen during puberty, how to ask questions about puberty with confidence. Pupils learn about the wide range of menstruation products available and the medical and environmental impact of these products. Pupils learn how puberty affects the reproductive organs, what happens during menstruation and sperm production, how to stay clean during puberty and how relationships/emotions change during puberty.

Year 6; • Pupils learn how and why the body changes during puberty in preparation for reproduction. Pupils learn the differences between a healthy and unhealthy relationship, they learn that communication and permission -seeking are important in relationships. Pupils learn when it is appropriate to share personal information in a relationship. Pupils learn where and how to seek help or support if an online relationship goes wrong. Pupils learn about the decisions that have to be made before having children. Pupils learn some basic facts about conception and pregnancy.

## Themes

This term we will be undertaking projects in Art and Music. Our Art topic will be studying the works of Patrick Heron, particularly his abstract paintings. We will be practicing his techniques in mixing colours and brushstrokes to create our own masterpiece.

Our Music topic is British Rock, we will be looking into the musical genius of Elton John and the Eurythmics. We will look at the structure of the music, similarities and differences and music trends at the time. We hope to be able to replicate a piece of music in the style of one of our focus artists.

In Science we will be looking at Animals including Humans with a focus on life cycles. This will tie in with RSE about Human Development. The big learning question will be How do Humans change in their lifetime?

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## R.E

In RE we are exploring the big question “What does it mean to be Muslim in Britain today? This unit enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about being a follower of the Muslim religion. Pupils explore the five pillars of Islam and the importance of these to Muslim believers. Pupils will gain a greater understanding of Islam and what we can learn from its beliefs, values and ideas.

## ICT

This term’s focus will be looking at and constructing Databases using our Purple Mash system.

The children will learn: to learn how to search for information in a database.

- To contribute to a class database.
- To create a database around a chosen topic

## French

This term we will continue to learn to greet each other in French in many conversational opportunities, learn dates and time, discuss members of our families, homes and interests.

## Woodland

An exciting term ahead on a **Tuesday afternoon** at Woodland. We will be working on problem solving, teamwork and our cooking skills through a variety of activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Woodland uniform is a school jumper and polo shirt with either black, grey or navy joggers/leggings. Please can children wear sensible footwear and not their school shoes.

We participate in Woodland no matter the weather so please ensure your child has a jacket/waterproofs with them.

## P.E

This term we will be playing Football. We are very fortunate to have Mr M teaching this as he is an FA Qualified Coach. He will be using these skills to work on passing, receiving, control, moving with the ball whilst being aware of team mates and opponents.

Please can you ensure your child has a suitable P.E kit for **Thursday** afternoons.