



Parent Class Letter: JC6

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Summer Break. This letter is full of useful dates and information about the learning activities that your children will be experiencing over the next term. I am very excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to working with you and your child. Mr Carta

Topic

How were the Mayans different from Britain during the Anglo-Saxons time?

This half term, we will be learning about the Mayan Civilization and its incredible architectural, scientific and cultural development. We will contrast them to their contemporary Anglo-Saxons. In DT, we will bring the fun researching, designing and exploring with Lego Robotics. In geography, our key question will be 'Why does the time change?' and we will explore world countries and hemispheres.



Evolution? Prove it!

In Science, in term 1 we will discuss evolution and hereditary traits while in term 2 we will focus on animals and humans, in particular we will explore the circulatory system.

Varmints

In English, our units will be based around the wonderful novel 'Varmints' by Helen Ward. It is an engaging and beautifully illustrated book and film about one small creature's struggle to preserve a world in danger of being lost forever through recklessness and indifference.

We will cover a range of text types, including narrative story, narrative poem, Non-chronological report and poetry.

Be curious, love learning and grow together with respect.

Maths

This term we will be covering:

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Reasoning skills

How parents can help this term:

- Times tables practice
- Using addition and subtraction at home (e.g. money, distances, etc.)

English

This term the children will be studying a range of text types, including:

- Narrative story
- Narrative poem
- Poetry
- Non-chronological Report



Preparing for SATS, we will also focus on Reading Comprehension and GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling).

PE, Health and Well-being

In the first half of term, our PE lessons are on a Monday afternoon with Mr Hughes. The children will be working on different fitness components to improve their fitness and working on developing their football and handball skills.



PE kit:

Indoor - black shorts, white or red t-shirt and pumps.

Outdoor – **plain** black or blue tracksuit, t-shirt, socks and trainers.

Please ensure that your child's kit is named clearly. Earrings must be removed for all P.E. lessons and long hair tied back.

If your child needs to be excused from a P.E. activity for a medical reason, please send a note to the appropriate teacher.

We expect that children's kits are always in school and kits will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Drinks and Snacks

Please can all snacks be as healthy as possible i.e. a piece of fruit.

It is very important that children have the right type of snack to give them fuel for the day.

Please do remember we are a nut free school

Diary Dates

Start of this term: 06/09/23

end: 22/12/23,

Start of next term: 08/01/22

After School Clubs start w/c 11/09/23

Roald Dahl day: 13/09/23

Pebble worship 22/09/23

PTFA 'Party in the Park': 22/09/23

Y6 Workshop: 10/10/23 at 3:30pm

PTFA: 'Disco': 20/10/23

PTFA: 'Bonfire Night': 4/11/23

Welcome Wednesdays: 13/9/23 – 27/9/23 11/10/23 – 25/10/23

Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday and should be completed in the homework books unless otherwise directed. Homework should be handed in by Monday morning. If your child needs an extension, they should ask the class teacher.

Homework will be based on the spelling words of the week. We expect children to read for a minimum of 10 minutes **every** night.

Books and reading records need to be in school every day. School library books are changed every Friday, but class book corner books can be changed daily.

Children are also welcome to bring in books from home.

Times Table Rockstars

Children are also expected to practice daily for 5 minutes using this fun and engaging app.

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During the first half of Autumn term the children will be learning about Hinduism and its fascinating culture. In the second half of Autumn term we will focus on Christianity, specifically we will discuss and contrast the Christian's belief and the scientific belief about the creation of the universe.

Parental Help

We welcome parental help in the classroom and on school visits/trips. Parents who would like to help are required to have an up-to-date DBS disclosure and attend an interview in school with one of the designated safeguarding leads. Please ask at the office for the appropriate paperwork and to arrange an interview if you are interested.

PSHCE

During this term, the children will be learning about 'Keeping Myself Safe' and 'Being My Best'.

Medicines and Allergies

If your child has a prescribed medicine (such as an inhaler or Epi-pen), please ensure that we have one in school. This must be clearly named and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the medication is in date. If your child has an inhaler, we also require a named 'spacer' (e.g. Volumatic) to ensure that the correct dose is taken. In order for children to take any medication, parents must fill in a permission form from the office. Children will not be allowed to take medicine unsupervised under any circumstances.

