

Additional Information

Sex Ed dates: March 18th, 28th and 1st April. As usual the boys will be taught by Mr Forrester, the girls by Mrs Bannister.

Red Nose Day – Red Nose Day is on Friday 18th March this year. Your child will have bought a letter home about our fundraising activities. Children can pay 50p to come to school in red clothes (other than their uniform). If they wish to use red hair spray, this must be applied before coming to school. No canisters of spray will be allowed in school. In addition, there will be a ‘Guess the crisp flavour’ competition to fit in with the new, comedian inspired flavours for Comic Relief. This will take place on Red Nose Day but entry fee (50p) must be in school by Monday, 14th March at the very latest.

Parent’s evenings: 28th/30th March

Year 6 Road Safety awareness talk: 24th March

N.B.

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. Lessons will be outdoors so they need to have warm bottoms and a top. They should not be wearing any part of their uniform (including fleece) during P.E. Children are only exempt from lessons if we receive a note in their Hasp Book from you.

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, or any aspect of your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to contact me via your child’s HASP book.

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Y6 Curriculum Newsletter

Term 4

March – April 2011

That’s not Fair!



For the six weeks of this term our focus will be Fairtrade. We will be identifying a range of Fairtrade products from around the world and demonstrating to the children the economic and social advantages Fairtrade brings to people who may otherwise live in poverty. We are fortunate to have a Fairtrade producer, Jitzi, who will be visiting the school from Nicaragua to share her experiences of the scheme.

Communication, Language and Literacy

This term we will be studying the features of biography and autobiographies. The children will use their learning to write an autobiography and a biography; they may need some help gathering details for these! After this topic we will begin a series of week-long revision sessions of different genres, in order to prepare children for SATS.

This term we will be revising spelling patterns taught this year: -ing, double consonants, ie and high frequency spellings.

Children who are not applying these rules will be given extra homework to consolidate their learning.

Maths

Mrs Bannister's group - we will be focussing on area and perimeter, symmetry, reflection and rotation, reading scales and probability. There are still an alarming number of children who do not yet know all multiplication and division facts for their times tables up to 10 x 10. This is a Year 4 objective; consequently children who do not know these facts are struggling on a daily basis to cope with number work. Please practice daily or as often as possible at home.

Mrs MacLeod and Miss Woolley's Group- We are continuing to look at multiplication facts and related division operations. It is important that children have quick recall of these facts. We are going to be converting weights, lengths and capacity and also looking at factors.

In Science we will be identifying the origins and uses of electricity. The children will have the opportunity to construct a range of circuits and will need to make a fair test which demonstrates they can vary the electrical supply to a series of bulbs

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/physical_processes this website will help to reinforce some of the key vocabulary the children will need to know.

Physical Development

In games we are looking to improve ball skills, notably throwing and catching. Children will be paying particular attention to their role within a team, developing key skills such as attack and defence in a variety of different ball games.

Personal, Social and Health Education

In our topic, *It's Good to be Me*, children will be improving their ability to recognise their own and others' talents and abilities. We will be looking at ways in which we can deal with a variety of emotions calmly and rationally.

Knowledge and understanding of the World

We will be looking at a range of Fairtrade production techniques from around the world. Our topic coincides with Fairtrade Week which is a national scheme that hopes to raise awareness of the benefits of Fairtrade. The main theme this year is cotton production. For more information please look at <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk>