

Year Six Spring Term Newsletter – Fair Trade



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a great Christmas, and may I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year (and thank you for your very generous presents). Our project work this term will be based around Fair Trade and we will be presenting the whole school assembly on Wednesday 28th January at 3.00 to which you are all welcome.

Our Learning

As Geographers we will be studying a locality in an economically less developed country. We will be exploring the physical and human features of the area and asking how they compare with our own locality. We will be exploring the economy and how trade with more prosperous countries influences their day to day activities.

During English this term we will continue with studying Myths, looking at the Mayan myth of Quetzalcoatl, creating our own myth. The children will also be writing a non-chronological report based on their own mythical beast. We will also be writing explanations on how, why, where chocolate is grown and instructions on how to make chocolate brownies. Grammar and spelling will be a focus throughout the year and will constitute part of their homework - Please encourage your child to complete their homework.

Maths we will be continuing to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000 and determine the value of each digit. The children will also be encouraged to apply their mental arithmetic skills for multiplication and division to support problem solving. There are many opportunities to help your child in some of these areas particularly when shopping or cooking. Looking at food labels is a good place to start. Times tables are also vital to your child if they are to make real progress in Year 6 so please, periodically help your child to learn these - little and often is the key.

Important Reminders

Please note that we have P.E. every Friday. Also Swimming will continue to be on a Tuesday. Please ensure that children have the appropriate kit on these days. Finally please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting to talk to any of us to raise any further questions or queries. Teachers are in the playground at least 5 minutes before the bell in the morning, but if you would like a longer conversation then do come and see teachers at the end of the day or arrange an appointment.

Science will be based on Evolution & Inheritance. We will be learning how living things have changed over time to suit their environment and how sometimes these changes can cause some groups of living things to become extinct.

R.E. We will be learning what the words JUSTICE and FREEDOM mean. We will consider different rules that people live by and also how these rules may have an impact on their lives. In our spiritual and moral development we will begin to think about goals that we can set for ourselves focusing on small steps that can be taken to achieve these challenges.

Homework: Your child will be given homework on a Friday to be completed and handed in on the following Tuesday. He/she will have 1 piece of literacy and 1 piece of maths. However you may want to help your child with any aspect of project work on the Fair Trade. They may want to write a poem or a play. Art work is also a great idea for children to really motivate their own learning.

Suggestions for parents/carers:

- Visit the local library or look on the web to find out more about the Fair Trade.
- Look at different food products in a supermarket
- Encourage the maximum amount of reading at home
- Create a report in the history of Fair Trade.
- Investigate chocolate growing and making.