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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your child/children have enjoyed the half term holiday and are ready for a busy half term leading up to Christmas. Over this half term we will continue to work on the core subject as well as participate in a STEM project to add some variety to our work across a range of subjects.

Maths

In our maths lessons we will be continuing to develop our calculation skills, arithmetic skills and our fraction knowledge. It is important that all pupils continue to work on improving their times tables knowledge, the related division facts and the speed at which they can recall number bonds to 100. All pupils are expected to be doing 20 minutes per week on Prodigy or Times Tables Rock Stars at home which will help them with their work in class.

English

This half term we will be completing two very different writing topics. We will start by working on a Dracula of Whitby project before moving on to studying Macbeth. The main learning objective for this half term will be to learn a range of strategies to ensure that all writing is cohesive - both within paragraphs and between paragraphs. The children will also continue to develop and apply their knowledge of sentence structures and work on improving their vocabulary.

STEM Project

STEM relates to science, technology, engineering and maths. This half term we have been lucky to secure a place for all of year 6 to participate in an online STEM day - Road to RIAT STEM Challenge - Glider on the 30/11/2022. This day is being delivered virtually by the Smallpiece Trust and is sponsored by the Royal Airforce. The aim of this day is to inspire more children to consider careers that involve STEM subjects. This day will be followed up in the summer term with a "Meet the stem superstars" event where the children will learn more about careers involving STEM and they will be able to ask the professionals questions.

Topic

We will be continuing our South America topic by focusing on the rainforest topic this half term. The children will learn why rainforests are important, the implications of logging and what life is like for the indigenous people living in the rainforest.

PE Lessons

This term, PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit into school on these days. As the weather gets colder, pupils are allowed to wear tracksuits rather than shorts for outdoor lessons.

Homework reminder

English and Maths homework will be set each Monday and needs to be completed by Friday. If a pupil fails to hand homework in, they will be expected to complete it during break and lunch time on Friday. If completing homework at home is difficult, then your child is welcome to come to homework club after school on a Tuesday, please let me or the office know in advance if they will be attending.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelmores, Mrs Webb, Mrs Wiper and Mr Gwilliam.

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