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6TM newsletter

Dear families,

Happy New Year. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable time over the festive period and your child is well rested. This term is going to be a very busy term for the pupils in 6TM as not only will we be continuing with the core curriculum, we have a couple of new projects that the children will be involved with.

Projects

We have already started this term working on our first project which is called Bridges not Borders. This is a project which is being run across the Solent region to encourage people to learn about the arts in other cultures. We are focusing on "truck art" from Pakistan. As part of this project, the children will be creating some art work which will be displayed in Portsmouth Guildhall in the summer. We will also have an art workshop led by a Winchester University lecturer on the 15th January. As part of this project, the children's work will be entered into the Discover Art Award Scheme. This requires their name and date of birth to be provided to the awarding board. If you would rather your child wasn't entered, please let us know by the 11th January so we can remove their details from the application.

The children will also be learning some workplace/life skills during some of their PPA lessons on a Tuesday when they will be completing a Hobbycraft project. The objective of this project is for the children to learn about running a small craft business for profit. The children will be learning about branding, managing a budget, marketing a product and selling to people as well as making the products they sell themselves. We look forward to seeing what they produce.

Topic

This term, during our topic lessons, we will be learning about what crime and punishment was like in the UK across different ages from the Roman period to modern day. We will also look at the creation of the modern police force.

PE lessons

We will be continuing to work on improving fitness, co-ordination and flexibility this term. On Monday afternoons we will be doing cross country running and some athletics. As this will be outdoors, pupils need to be wearing trainers (not plimsolls) and a tracksuit or sweatshirt is advised. On Wednesday we will be doing gymnastics (this will be indoors). A full school PE kit is required for this lesson.

Homework

Maths and English homework will be set on a Monday and is expected to be handed in on a Friday. Pupils can also attend homework club at school on Tuesdays if they need to in order to complete their work. Pupils are also reminded that they should be working on either Prodigy/Times Tables Rockstars/SATs bootcamp to support their learning as part of their weekly homework. As there is no topic related homework, pupils are expected to spend more time independently working on their reading, grammar and maths skills. All pupils should also be reading each night.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Michelmores, Mrs Webb, Mr Gwilliam, Mrs Wiper

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