

# Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter

# Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope that you had an enjoyable, restful and healthy Christmas break and that your child is looking forward to returning to school. We have a busy time ahead!

#### Homework for this term

Your child will be given two **SATS Buster Books** - one for reading and one for maths in a clear, plastic wallet. Please encourage your child to complete their homework. They must bring their wallets containing their SATS Buster Books into school **BY THURSDAY** the following week. Every Friday we will go through the homework together as a class so the children can celebrate their successes and learn from their mistakes. This will be good preparation for SATS in May.

- Your child needs their READING BOOK in school each day
- Wednesdays and Fridays are PE days

Do check out the website **LoveReading4Kids.** It is a site that advertises new books. The site gives book reviews, a summary of each story and an extract of the first chapter to read. It is a good starting place before purchasing books. Plus it is free!

Suggested books to read to support their learning this term

- The History Detective Investigates: Early Islamic Civilization Claudia Martin
- Sinbad the Sailor Marcia Williams
- Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp Philip Pullman
- No Ballet Shoes in Syria Catherine Bruton

Any questions, please do feel free to contact me by phone or email me through the office. Nicky Beardon

# Year 6 Spring 1 Curriculum Map

## English

We will read the historical novel The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad to immerse us into the time of Baghdad's Golden Age. The children will write their own story set during this time.

**VOCAB**: Abnay , Dinar, Caliph, Marhaba, Muezzin, Sayyid, Cohesion, antonym/ synonym

Using their knowledge gained in Geography, the children will write a persuasive speech to deter people from using single-use plastic.

**VOCAB:** emotive language, summarise, fact. Fiction, rhetorical question, emotive language, paragraphs, cohesion, second person, pollution, 'watery' metaphors

# **Religious Education**

Children will explore the origins of Islam, the place of the mosque and the Qur'an and how Muslims express their faith and identity through practising the Five Pillars of Islam.

**VOCAB** : Shahada, Salat, Zakat, Sawm, Hajj, Mecca, Mohammad, prophet, Eid al-Fitr, Ramadan, faith, ummah, Imam, mosque, Qur'an

#### RHE

Children will learn how our moods and feelings are governed by different parts of our brain. They will learn what constitutes a healthy lifestyle (linked to Science).

## Design & Technology

Children will design and make Iraqistyle flat breads. They will look at recipes, ingredients and types of flour.

**VOCAB:** dough, yeast, knead, prove, mix, measure, ingredients, gluten

## Mathematics

This term's units are Algebra, decimals, fractions and percentages, volume and area.

#### Computing

Children will learn what a variable is and how to change variables when programming. They will use Scratch.

History

Hook in: video 'Lost

Lands'

1100 years ago

Baghdad was the

finest city. Why? How do we know?

world's biggest and

What happened to

impact did it have?

**VOCAB:** Caliphate,

cultivate, dynasty,

Euphrates, exotic,

House of Wisdom,

mosque, culture,

fragrance, goods,

enchanted,

trade

it? What lasting

#### French

Do you have a pet? This unit teaches the nouns and articles for eight common pets. The children will also learn how to tell somebody if they have or do not have a pet, ask somebody if they have a pet and tell somebody what their pet is called.

#### Science

Hook in poem 'The Vegetables strike back' by Steve Turner

Children will learn about the circulation system and understand ways to keep healthy including balanced nutrition..

**VOCAB:** circulatory system, heart, blood, blood vessels, pumps, oxygen, carbon dioxide, lungs, nutrition, water, diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle, bar chart, line graph, pulse rate

#### **Music**

Children will learn and perform A New Year Carol by Benjamin Britten and to learn more about the composer and some of his other works.

# Geography Hook in:

The

Golden Age of Islam



Children will learn about sustainability and the different types of renewable and nonrenewable energy sources. They will study the effects of plastic pollution, especially on our oceans.

**VOCAB:** Reduce, reuse, recycle, environment, international, national, awareness, compost, decompose,initiatives agencies, renewable, non-renewable, Toxic, threat, rubbish. garbage, sustainable, biodegradable, singleuse plastics

## Art

Children will focus on the artist: Joan Miro and do 2D collage, automatic drawing and 3D sculpture

**VOCAB:** Magical Realism, Catalan, Cubism, Surrealism, abstract, automatic drawing, imagination