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Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas.

We wanted to get in touch again and let you know our plans for the Spring half term. The Year 6 teachers and TA team are looking forward to another successful, exciting and busy half term. If you would like to support your child's learning at home, we thought it would be helpful for you to have a more detailed idea of what we are learning about.

Maths

In Maths we will be looking at the topics of Addition and Subtraction as well as Multiplication and Division. Students will continue to work on Maths in the groups that provide them with the right amount of challenge and support. Students are able to practice their times tables using TTRockstars (the link is included below)

<https://trockstars.com/>

English

In English this term, the students will be learning how to write in a journalistic style to create some newspaper reports about an exciting event. They will then move onto creating their own mythological stories, using descriptive language to develop thrilling plots, characters and settings, before introducing a flashback as a structural technique to develop their story writing.

SPAG

Students will learn how and when to use commas, dashes, hyphens and brackets in their writing for maximum effect. They will also practice some common spelling patterns for word endings.

History

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be learning about the event leading up to the events of the French Revolution. For this, students will be focusing on King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette and how their lifestyles led to the French Revolution. The French revolution led to the battles between Napoleon and Nelson.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4xx2v4>

Science

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be learning about Forces and Magnets, which will be taught by Miss Wade, and Earth and Space, which will be taught by Mr Slater.

During Forces and Magnets, the students will be learning about gravity and air resistance of falling objects. Students will also learn about the effects of forces on an object which cause movement, and friction on moving objects, which slows or stops moving objects. Students will explore this through science investigation and enquiry.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zbin3qt>

In the Earth and Space unit, students will learn how to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system, and then, at a closer level, to describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. They will recognise that the Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical bodies and will be able to use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.

<https://www.britannica.com/video/186451/rotation-Moon>

PSHE

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be learning about healthy relationships. The Upper Juniors will be looking at identifying healthy relationships and exploring strategies to resolve conflict.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdvn6v4>

Computing

This unit is the first of the two programming units studied this year, and looks at repetition and loops within programming. Pupils will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language.

<https://turtleacademy.com/playground>

Art

In art lessons, Upper Juniors will be exploring realistic and abstract portraits using colour, line and tone. Students will develop correct sketching of facial proportions, colour mixing of skin tones, while considering the work of portrait artists, including Picasso.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-pablo-picasso>

Drama

In Drama this term we are going to be developing our social skills and trust.

Music

In music this term we will be learning a class ensemble piece, *Walking on Sunshine* by Katrina and the Waves. We will be exploring our voices, keyboards and percussion instruments through this unit as well as creating our own actions for the song.

PE

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be continuing with Gymnastics for two weeks. The Upper Juniors will use the skills developed from Fundamental Movements (FUNs) during gymnastics to play games such as seated volleyball, jump ball and dodgeball.

Homework

The students will be sent home a homework folder, which is optional to complete. Students will be rewarded with house points for completed homework.

Reading at home

Students are encouraged to read at home and record this in their planner to receive house points and reward trips.

Spelling:

Students will receive a new list of words each Wednesday for a test on the following Wednesday. Please encourage them to practise, as getting a positive score can give a huge boost to their confidence and of course has an impact on their overall standard of writing.

As always, please do contact Ms Wade or Mr Slater if you would like any information supporting your child at home with learning:

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