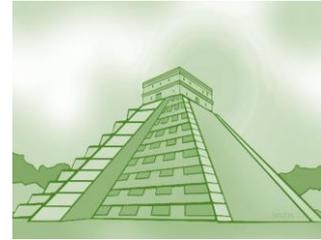


Autumn Term 2 2018



Murderous Mayans

Monday 13th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Lydiard for another exciting term in Year 6! We hope that you've had a lovely half term break and spent lots of precious family time together. This term our value is Trust and we will be looking closely at what it means to trust each other and how we can show it.

Murderous Mayans

We are continuing our Murderous Mayans topic this term and exploring further into this mysterious ancient civilisation. We will be learning about Maya houses and spending some time taste-testing a variety of chocolate!

In Science, we will be learning about light. We will be exploring how we can see different objects and investigating how shadows change. Our key question in RE this term is 'What kind of King is Jesus?' and we will be working together to investigate this.

In our English lessons this term, we will be writing our very own Encyclopaedia of non-chronological reports. There will be a big focus on spelling this year and so any help and support with learning the spelling rules and Year 5/6 words would be greatly appreciated! Any time spent on spellingframe.com would be very useful!

Enterprise Project Fundraising

Starting this term, we will be raising money for our Enterprise Project that is taking place in the Summer Term. The children from Ridgeway and Lydiard will be working together for a week across our schools and so we are raising some funds towards the coach costs. More information about this will be given out nearer the time.

Y6 Christmas Market

As is quickly becoming tradition, Y6 will have the opportunity to host Christmas Market stalls in order to raise money for their end of year treat. This year, the Y6 stalls will be opened on FOLMS' Minced Pies and Mulled Wine night on 30th November. More information will be given out about this nearer to the time.

Home learning

Please see the separate home learning planner for this term. We are looking forward to witnessing how the children interpret the tasks for this term. Please don't forget home learning is due in on a Friday and we will calculate the numbers of points for effort and finished pieces at the end of the term with a certificate to celebrate.

Prodigy

Last half term, the children were briefly introduced to an online Maths problem-solving game called Prodigy. This has proved to be very popular with the class and they have been desperate to have their Prodigy logins to take home with them! Since Maths problem-solving is such an essential part of the curriculum, and since a love of learning is always to be celebrated, we have been keen to send these out.

The game is online and other players can participate. Children's names are hidden behind a 'character name' and accounts have been set up that do not use their full name (Timothy F for example). There is a chat function but

players can only choose from a set of limited phrases, which prevents inappropriate conversation. There are some game options that are only available with a paid account, but these are not essential to play. There is also an option to choose to play an offline version of the game.

We feel that it would be a shame for the children to miss out on a great learning opportunity because of a fear of online games, especially since there have been obvious efforts made to make the site suitable for children. This has already provided us with a good starting point for our e-safety conversations in class, which we will be continuing this half term. We will be sending Prodigy logins home next week in the front of the children's reading journal, but there will be no requirement or expectation that they play the game - it is simply an optional extra that we feel they may enjoy. As ever, if you have any concerns, please get in contact with a member of the Class 6 team.

Reminders

- Bikeability courses start this week and continue through November. Please check the previous information about your child's group and timings.
- Our KS2 Carol Service is Thursday 20th December at All Saints Church. Families are welcome to join us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with a member of the Class 6 team. Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Class 6 Team