YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Drawing the Past

Driving Question: Mary I or Elizabeth I: which Tudor sister was the more successful queen?
Driving Question: Can you prove that the impact of the work of Di Vinci impacted our lives today?
Outcome: A sketched portrait with a piece of writing on one of the queens studied.
Fun and Excitement
Main Subjects: Art and Design, History

This term our focus subjects are art and design, and history. We will be learning about the life of Leonardo Di Vinci and then using his techniques to create our own observational drawings. We will also be studying, through our 'Kings and Queens' topic, the lives and reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and Mary I (Bloody Mary). We will be comparing these two historical figures and their ruling. We will then combine our art work with the history focus and complete portraits of both queens.

Literacy
This term we will be looking at the working relationship between Sir Francis Drake and Elizabeth I and we will demonstrate our understanding through letter writing. We will learn about the key differences between Queen Elizabeth and Mary I and who had the most successful reign.

At home you could: read every day for at least 15 minutes. Practise your handwriting to ensure it is neat and joined. If you come across a new word in your reading books, magpie it! This means you look up the meaning in a dictionary, write it down and start to use it in your own writing.
Please ensure your child is completing every piece of homework on SAT's Companion and using the videos to support any misconceptions. This really supports their transition to secondary school so that pupils understand the expectation of home learning and the importance of completing this. Homework is posted on SAT's Companion every Friday.

Maths
We spent lots of time last term cementing our knowledge in addition, subtraction , multiplication and division. We will continue our learning of division by extending into long division. We will then move onto applying this to understanding fractions, decimals and percentages, which will be a focus this term. We will then move on to looking at position and direction.
At home you must: Practise your times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars. **It is imperative that ALL children learn and practice their times tables.**
This website could help:
www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button
https://www.timestables.co.uk/

Art & History

Year 6 will be focusing on the life and works of Leonardo Da Vinci. The children will use a step by step method, learning how to sketch each facial feature, before applying this knowledge to a portrait of a significant person.

Physical Education
This term children will practise our ball game skills learning how to pass and shoot to a target whilst playing handball. We will also be refining our throwing and catching skills within this.

Most PE will be taught outside so please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing as the weather is cooling down. PE Kit is **white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers**. Please ensure that your child has a **black sweatshirt**. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson.
A reminder that PE sessions will be on Monday and Wednesdays (Swimming to be continued until Christmas).

Science
In science we will be exploring light; collecting and identifying evidence that supports or refutes an idea. This will involve setting up and conducting fair tests and then talking about what our results tell us.

Safeguarding
Regularly, we teach PSHE lessons which are often centered around internet safety and how pupils can keep themselves and others around them safe. These lessons include which websites are appropriate and those which are not, what to do when something goes wrong and how they can keep their bodies and information private. You can find out how to support your child online at: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ .

PE Days – Monday and Wednesday

Dates for your diary;

Monday 2nd November– Back to school after half term.
Thursday 5th November - Flu vaccinations.
Thursday 12th November - 9 – 10am - Parent pod for parents of all year groups - see poster in the office or online at: https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/about-us/dashwood-action-committee/
Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November - Parents Evening
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day – children can wear odd socks to school in support of Anti-bullying
Monday 16th-Friday 20th November - Anti - Bullying Week.
Thursday 19th November – 4-5pm – Open evening for new Reception pupils for September 2027
Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 8th December: Year 5 & 6 Carol Service- St Leonard's Church
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 2 and Christmas Jumper/Party Dress
Monday 4th January – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 5th January - First day back after Christmas Holidays