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Year 6 News

Croeso i flwyddyn 6—your child's last term at West Park.

This newsletter will give you an overview of the themes and skills we will be covering in the Summer term.

Literacy

We will be focusing on the three main types of writing—



Leaflet Writing—looking at features and purpose of a leaflet. Choosing persuasive language to promote and encourage people to visit Porthcawl. To create their own leaflet and produce using ICT.

Science fiction writing—character and setting imagery. Developing children's vocabulary choices to enhance their writing. Continue to develop sentence types such as long, short, descriptive, complex etc.

Newspaper—To understand and examine the features of a newspaper. To plan and create their newspaper article facts, and opinions.

Reading - Your child has chosen a book of their choice to read at home for enjoyment. However we do expect the children to challenge themselves and to change their book regularly. We will still give Reading Journal homework based on the reading lesson taught and to develop the reading power skill. Could you please discuss the book with your child focusing on characters, settings, vocabulary they don't understand etc.

Throughout the children's topic work they are encouraged to develop their language skills such as writing science conclusions and methods for the science investigations.

Numeracy

Summer Term skills

calculate volume of cuboids

understand mean, median, mode and range of a set of numbers

use simple ratio and proportion

use ratio to express two or more quantities in words

add or subtract across zero numbers using a number line e.g. $-3 + 5$, $4 - 6$

use and interpret timetables and schedules to plan events and activities and make calculations as part of the planning process

estimate how long a journey takes

find the term to term rule for ascending and descending sequences, e.g. 3, 7, 11, 15 add 4

generate a sequence given the first term and the term to term rule

consider spatial patterns, e.g. square numbers

use numbers to describe the likelihood of an event, e.g. a one-in-six chance

recognise that some events are equally likely

identify the outcomes of simple events, e.g. flipping a coin, rolling a dice

Our style of teaching numeracy is changing. Rather than working from text books and completing relevant pages, we are encouraging the pupils to have a better understanding of the topics through practical lessons and investigations. Pupils will still be working individually as well as in pairs and small groups.

How can you help?

Discuss the methods your child uses and ask them to explain their workings out. Most importantly, just talk about what they have done in school and how they can develop these skills in their learning.



Homework

Pupils have completed a number of learning logs and Reading journal homework throughout the year. We have been extremely pleased with the standard of work and the punctuality of returning their homework. Please keep up this effort this term.

Crucial crew

Pupils will be given the opportunity to attend the Crucial crew event in June. They will work with various companies such as the Food Standards Agency to discuss real life issues and be given advice how to stay safe.

Sports



This term will be offering the pupils the chance to play basketball and cricket throughout the summer term. We will be continuing to play in interschool matches on a Friday. There will also be opportunities for the pupils to attend various tournaments.

PC Carpenter

During the term, pupils will continue to receive sessions covering alcohol, drugs, solvents and internet safety.



The Place

Every pupil in Year six will have six sessions with Mrs Jones who will discuss issues about their transition to the comprehensive school. This will be completed in an informal and fun way.

Transition



Throughout the year, the pupils have been visiting the comprehensive school to familiarise themselves with the type of lessons, teachers and environment. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their visits and have grown in confidence about their transition to Year Seven. They are looking forward to their whole day in the comp in June.

Theme



During the Summer Term, we will be studying Coasts. We will be researching local coastlines i.e. Rest Bay.

We will encourage the pupils to independently research their own questions i.e. how has the coastline changed, what litter problems are there on the beach, how and why does food decay?

Throughout our theme lessons, we will be using the Literacy and Numeracy Framework to reinforce key skills learnt during the morning *e.g. to write a letter to the local MP about litter problems.*

Furthermore, we will develop the pupils thinking skills and understanding of key facts.

We are looking forward to our London trip to Kidzania. Please check out the website with your child to see what activities are available and of interest to them.

<http://london.kidzania.com/en-uk/>



Dates to remember

National Testing 3rd—10th May

Crucial Crew—Thursday 19th May

Transition to the comp—Thursday 23rd June

London / Kidzania—Thursday 30th June

Osprey's Rugby Beach Festival—Friday 1st July

Year 6 Prom—Thursday 7th July

Year 6 leavers Tuesday 12th July 6.00pm