

Year 6

Autumn Curriculum

Friday 11th September 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after a lovely summer holiday, we hope that you and your family are rested and settling back into school life. We are ready for a year of fun and exciting learning opportunities as well as lots of hard work.

We are writing to give you some information about the term ahead to help you support your child during this very important time in their schooling.

TOPIC

Here at Chilton Primary we are trying to provide the children with a more creative curriculum that allows them the opportunity to make links between subjects and equip them with a breadth of skills. Our topic for this term will be India which will encompass the following:

- History - historical figures (Ghandi)
- Geography - Comparing locations and research on life in a specific location (Chembokoli)
 - DT - puppets and bread
- ICT - Presentation making, using spreadsheets
 - Art - Indian painting and body art
- PE—Indian style dancing (Bollywood style!)

We will also be linking our India topic to a range of literacy work and will be writing a diary in character as a back packer in India. Please see the attached topic over-view for more detail.

As part of the topic we will be holding an India day. The date for this is to be confirmed but we will give you as much advance notice as possible. On this day children will be able to celebrate their learning and have the opportunity to experience Indian culture, crafts and much more. A letter with more details will follow in the coming weeks but get thinking about costumes! We will also be going to the Marlowe Academy to make Indian breads and will send more information on this as soon as possible.

SCIENCE

Our first term's science focus will be forces. Lessons will be mainly practical and allow children the opportunity to devise and carry out their own investigations.

MATHS

Maths units we will be following this term include:

- Counting, partitioning and calculating
 - Securing number facts
 - Understanding shapes
- Handling data and measures

LITERACY

The areas we will be studying in literacy this term are:

- Narrative - Different genres in fiction
 - Journalistic writing
 - Biography

Below are some diary dates that you may find useful:

Friday 2nd October - Staff Development Day (no children in school)

Monday 19th October - Individual photographs

Thursday 22nd October - Harvest Assembly

Friday 23rd October - PTFA Halloween disco

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October - Half-term holiday

Friday 6th November - PTFA Fireworks Night

Thursday 12th November - Key Stage 2 Open Class sessions (3.15-4pm)

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th November - Key Stage 2 Parent Consultations

Friday 20th November - Staff Development Day (no children in school)

Wednesday 16th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Service at St Laurence Church

PE

	<u>6LS</u>	<u>6KR</u>
<u>OUTDOOR</u>	THURSDAY PM	THURSDAY AM
<u>INDOOR</u>	WEDNESDAY AM	FRIDAY PM

Please make sure your child has all their PE kit in school for every PE session.

HOME LEARNING

	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Literacy</u>	<u>Science</u>
<u>Set</u>	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday
<u>Handed in</u>	Tuesday	Monday	following Wednesday

Chilton Primary School is currently revising its homework policy - as soon as this has been agreed you will receive more information. Research has shown that children most benefit from learning at home when it is practical, game-like and shared with someone else. Therefore we will no longer be having 'homework' but regularly set a choice of 'home learning' tasks in maths, English and science and

occasionally for our topic. Children will rarely be expected to bring evidence of this home learning into school - instead they may be asked to explain what they have learnt after carrying out one of the activities.

The activities that are set are designed to support and build upon the learning that has taken or will take place in the classroom. A choice of tasks will be sent out for each subject either at the beginning of the unit or each week on the days listed in the table below.

Please can you also remember that we expect the children to read for at least 10 minutes every day (this should be logged in their reading record) and regularly practise times tables and/or number bonds.

And finally, please could you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day as sipping water throughout lessons aids their concentration. Water bottles are available from the school office.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Smith

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