



Elliott Park School

Newsletter

Class:	Hanover	Term:	6
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to this sixth and final term which is a very busy one and one I'm sure will fly by. I would just like to outline a few things we have planned for this term.

In Maths we will be recapping on some of the things throughout the year that were highlighted as areas that need to be revised from their recent tests. We will begin the term looking at position and direction of shapes, in particular translation, symmetry and reflection of shapes. We will then recap on multiplication and division methods and strategies and learn to link these to work on decimals. We will then work on our understanding of place value of numbers with three decimal places and convert between different units of measurements. We will end the term by using all four operations to help solve every day one step and two step problems.

In English we will be studying the classic fiction book, Goodnight Mr. Tom, where the children will investigate settings, character development, dialogue and narrative style. For our non-fiction unit we will be looking at various historical and modern letters and produce our own formal and informal letters. Our poetry unit will concentrate on the power of Imagery, using a range of sea poems as inspiration. They will learn to use language to evoke feelings and produce impression. Children will draft and write their own poem about the Titanic and use the local beach as an inspiration to draw and write poems.

In Science this term's unit will focus on the changes that human beings experience as they develop to old age. It tackles some sensitive subjects, including puberty and death. The children will look at the life cycle of humans, investigating development and changes that occur in their life. We will finish the topic by learning about some famous naturalist scientists.

Our focus in Topic this term is Geography and we will be looking at our local area. First we will consider how the landscape of our local area has changed by houses being built and other influences. Then we will be looking at wildlife in our local area and planning what we could do to encourage more wildlife in our local area.

In Computing students will learn how to build a number of computer games using Scratch MIT. They will learn how to use variables and loops and how different subroutines link together. They will also try to use this knowledge to create a game of their own.

In Art our topic is the fantastic 'Art illusions'. The children will find out all the tricks of the trade to discover how artists play with perspective, line and colour to create clever and mind-bending illusions, including trompe l'oeil, optical art and much more.

This unit in R.E. on commitment discusses the concept of commitment and defines what is meant by it. Children will apply their learning by planning their own commitment ceremony and consider the changes they might make in their life for the benefit of themselves and others.

In P.E. we will be continuing with striking and fielding skills, leading to games of cricket and rounders and then concentrate on athletics, in preparation for Sports Day.

Dates for this term:

- 8 th – 11th June whole school assessments
- 21st June whole school photograph
- 5 th – 9 th July whole school Activity Week including Transition Day
- 12th July Year 6 Leavers' Party
- 13th July Sports' Day (afternoon only)
- 14th July Speech Day (morning only)

Many thanks for your continued support throughout the year. I have really enjoyed teaching the class and hope they have felt secure, happy and have enjoyed their time in year 5. I wish them every success as they enter into year 6 and in the future.

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