Year 6 Term 2 Parent Letter

We've created a Monster! A study of Frankenstein (abridged)

English:
This term's English will be based on the novel Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. We will develop fiction writing by creating suspense and atmosphere as well as writing setting and character descriptions. We will develop non-fiction writing through analysing and producing newspaper reports and balanced arguments.

Topic:
Design Technology: We will be developing our analysis and critical thinking by studying mechanisms and then applying these skills to designing and making our own monsters with moving parts. Please start saving any recycling materials that your child could use.
Creative: In Art, we will be improving our painting skills through the use of watercolour.

PE:
Our PE session is every Tuesday morning. As previously, we request that children come to school dressed in a full St Mark's PE kit please.

This term, we will focus on two areas: Gymnastics and Dodgeball. In gymnastics, students will practise sequencing movements, jumps, and balances, while in dodgeball, they will work on throwing, catching, and target distance

Key Dates:
2nd Nov – INSET Day
4th Nov – Individual photos
5/6th - Bikeability
23rd Nov – Pantomime in school
26th Nov – Disco
3rd Dec – Christmas Tress festival at St Thomas' Church
10th Dec – Christmas Carol service at St Francis' Church

Maths:
This term, we will be developing our knowledge of fractions with a particular focus on using the four number operations to calculate a range of fractions. In addition, the children will order and compare fractions and identify equivalents. We will then move onto converting units of metric measure.

Science: Evolution and Inheritance
We will be finding out about the work of Charles Darwin and his legacy. We will also look at how animals and plants have adapted to their environment.

French: A l'ecole – At School
We will be learning to speak vocabulary related to subjects and times and will begin to construct phrases where we give our opinions.

Homework:
Spellings – Children will need to continue to practise the statutory spellings in their communication books.
Times tables – Please try to make sure your child is practising them daily! They are vital to all Maths learning. Don't forget Times Tables Rockstars – we will be setting challenges this term too!
Reading – Please listen to your child read and discuss the text five times a week.
Homework
Homework will continue to be set on a Tuesday and be returned on a Monday. Please remember this is an expectation.

RE: This term we will be studying Christianity and exploring the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' Children will be studying Old Testament prophesies and New Testament stories which point to Jesus as Messiah.

PSHE: Celebrating Difference
We will be looking at strengths in different people, anti-bullying and how difference is something to celebrate.

Computing:
In Year 6, children will develop their programming skills using Scratch. They will create and debug programs using variables, selection, repetition and inputs. They will design and build interactive games and animations, applying logical reasoning to solve problems, improve their code.

Music:
We will complete their African drumming and dance performance at the start of term. They will then go on to compose their own mechanical steam train composition in groups, and record this on graphic scores.

Frankenstein – that's scary isn't it?
Please don't panic – we are not reading the original Mary Shelley version but instead an Usborne Classics specifically written for 10/11-year olds. It's a gripping book and the children love it! It's a classic and really inspires children to be creative in their writing.
It also has led us to this term's key question which will feed through all our lessons: Do humans have the right to create life through scientific intervention? Exciting!

Thank you for your ongoing support 😊 The Year 6 Team