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| <b>Teachers</b>      | Mrs Kate Foster<br>Mrs Ellie White | <b>Class</b> | Year 6 |
| <b>Support Staff</b> | Mrs Louisa Capon                   |              |        |
| <b>Term</b>          | 2                                  |              |        |

Year 6 had a brilliant start to the year and this term promises more of the same! One small change is that Mrs White will be teaching the class on Thursday afternoons as well as Monday all day. This is to cover for Mrs Foster's PPA. We have lots of intervention groups up and running, which the children are really embracing. We will have a round of Mock SATs during the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please use the following email address should you need to contact us: [year.six@sjm.academy](mailto:year.six@sjm.academy)

### Main Areas of Learning to be covered

- **English:** Our main text this term is 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' by Catherine Bruton. This is a story of a refugee girl, Aya, who has arrived in the UK seeking asylum. We will be writing diaries, character and setting descriptions and our own flash back story. Later in the term, we will study newspapers and write our own articles.
- **Maths:** This term we will be looking in depth at fractions. The children will be learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide with fractions as well as solve word problems with them. We will continue to do arithmetic most afternoons, where the children answer 10 questions using skills they have already been taught. This is to really embed these skills, build their confidence using them and improve their efficiency and accuracy with calculating.
- **Science:** We are learning about light this term. Specifically what light is, how it travels and how we can see objects. We will be looking at angles of reflection and doing some practical experiments to prove that an incident angle is the same as the reflected angle when light bounces off an object.
- **RE:** This term's RE focus is Judaism and how the Torah is special to Jews. We will find out what happens in a synagogue and how Jews pray every day using the words from the Torah. We will make comparisons with our own beliefs and practices.
- **Music:** In Music we are going to write our own Christmas lyrics to the easy tune of 'Runaround Sue'. We will learn how to play the tune on the glockenspiels and ocarinas then write words. We are hoping to teach these Christmas songs to our Reception Buddies when they are finished!
- **DT:** In DT, the children will be designing and sewing their own Christmas stockings! We will be looking for some helpers closer to the end of term to help so look out for an email if you'd like to help.



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- PE: We will have one gymnastics lessons per week where we will be looking at balancing, jumping and rolling building up to a routine. Our outdoor PE will be on the field, where weather permits, continuing our work on invasion games.
- Geography: In Geography, we will be looking at maps and how they help us learn about a place. We will be making our own infographics about the Amazon and comparing it with the Grand Canyon.
- Spanish: We will be focusing on learning vocabulary around healthy lifestyles including food, drinks and exercise.
- PSHE: Our topic this term is Celebrating Difference. We will discuss how helpful (or not) it is to use the word normal; bullying and imbalance of power; prejudice (including racism and prejudice towards disabled people and what is meant by 'protected characteristics'.
- Computing: We are learning the basics of how to use a spreadsheet this term. The topic will end with the children collecting data on a chosen subject, creating a table, inputting formulas and creating graphs to present their findings.

#### Homework

- 1 x 40 min (approx) task per week set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. This will alternate between online tasks and paper based tasks. These will generally be old SATs papers to practise.
- Optional creative tasks – a list will be sent out each term. Children can do as many as they like at any point during the term or the holiday. They don't have to do any of them.
- Aim for 20 mins of reading per day. Reading records to be collected in and checked on a Friday. House points for anyone managing to read 4 or more times per week.
- Spellings will be sent home on a Monday to practise at home. There will be a test at the end of each term to check that the words have been retained.

#### Christian Value

Each term we will focus on a different school value. This term, our whole school value is **Independence**. Throughout the term, we will explore this value in our classrooms and during whole school collective worship.



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Each Friday we will continue to present our **Light Awards** to children who have been showing our school values in action.

Please see our term 2 Values Flyer for more information.

