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UNCRC Article 29 Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your continued support during this last half term. We have another busy and exciting half term ahead of us in the run up to Christmas. Our topic continues to look at the Ancient Greeks and we will be considering in more detail what life would have been like for a child in Ancient Greek times.

What will we be getting up to?

English this half term, we will be using the class novel 'Waiting for Anya' by Michael Morpurgo as a basis for our English work. This story is set in France during WW2, where a small village work together to help Jewish children cross the border (Pyrenees) into Spain. We will look carefully at the author's style of writing, at character and setting descriptions as well as writing our own chapters for the story. We will continue with daily reading, comprehension activities, grammar and punctuation and consolidating spelling rules and patterns.

Maths - As every half term we have a wealth of objectives that need to be covered over the next few weeks. Children will need to be able to use formal written calculations confidently, particularly for long multiplication and division as well as being able to problem solve, use, and apply the maths being taught. A key aspect of maths this term is fractions and we will be focusing on improper fractions and mixed numbers as well as adding fractions. We will also look at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science - Biology: Animals including humans. We will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system; describing the functions of the heart and also looking at the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function.

ICT - Information Technology - inspired by our trip to Grinton, we will use a variety of different software including Word, PowerPoint and iMovie to present our adventures. We will also continue to use Teams in school to ensure they are confident in accessing and uploading all their work.

RSHE - We will continue to explore media and why it is important that we are using social media in a safe way. What is extremism and how can we prevent this? Should online material be limited based on your age? Both of these concepts are becoming more important as we live in a society surrounded by the media and Year 6 will explore these.

R.E. - What do the gospels tell us about the birth of Jesus? We will be investigating the significance of Christmas Story, Christian symbols and practises today.

Spanish - We continue to develop our Spanish vocabulary and will revise the colours, greetings and numbers. As we approach Christmas, we will also learn some festive themed Spanish vocabulary too.





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Art and Design Technology - Firstly, we will be decorating the Greek pottery we made before half term and attempting to include our Greek themed silhouettes. Then using their knowledge of materials children will research Greek Temples and get the opportunity to build their own.

Geography - Why is fair trade fair? We talk a lot about 'fair trade' at school so Year 6 will be exploring whether or not it really is as fair as it states.

P.E. - Our PE sessions are on a Monday and Friday afternoons. The children require a t-shirt, shorts and trainers. We will also be taking advantage of the outdoor areas when the weather allows so please also send in tracksuit bottoms or leggings. PE kit should be brought into school on a Monday and returned home on a Friday. To avoid any accidents, please remove earrings on PE days.

We are extremely lucky to have a gymnastics coach working with Year 6 in our Monday session and we will be exploring the game of Rugby in more detail in our Friday sessions.

Thank you for your support with helping your child to complete their homework and especially for all your help with guiding your child through the use of Teams over the half term holidays; it was lovely to see all the wonderful Ancient Greek themed activities that were completed!

Homework is an essential part of Year 6 (as with every other year) and is a key part of learning independently and consolidating skills learnt in school. Completion and return of Reading (at least three times a week), Maths and English tasks will be essential this year, and we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with helping your child to complete them.

Homework will generally be given out on a Friday to be returned to school for the following Tuesday.

Maths homework will be set through conquer maths. Conquer maths is a website that children can use to carry out their own learning as well as completing set tasks. Children can continue to use Times Table Rockstars to help build their speed and agility. Children can also use other websites to help with basic number facts such as 'Hit the button' and Speed Challenge. English homework will be a range of reading/grammar and spelling activities and on occasions, those linked to the topic we are studying.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum further, please do not hesitate to contact us at school or via the class email - y6cleves@cclt.education.

Yours sincerely,
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Year 6 Team

