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**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 1 YEAR 6 MR BLOOD AND MR HORNSBY**

**English**

In English this half term, we will be continuing with our novel 'Waiting for Anya', before moving onto another text 'Street child' by Berlie Doherty. This story is about an orphan boy in Victorian times and his fight for survival. This fits in nicely with our theme for this term. It allows us to get plenty of writing opportunities from it, as well as looking at the author's use of grammar and punctuation.



**Mathematics**

We will continue to look at fractions this half term and we will be focusing on improper fractions and mixed numbers as well as adding fractions. Children will also look at other operations involving fractions including multiplying and dividing fractions too. We will also look at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

**Science - Physics**

Electricity.  
 We will revise simple circuits and then lots of hands on experience with symbols, diagrams and incomplete circuits.



**Art**

We will look at the work of Victorian designer William Morris. After exploring and discussing some of his existing work, we will create printing blocks using relief and impress methods.

**Music**

Learning is focused around the song 'You've Got a Friend' – a song by Carol King. As well as learning the song itself, we will explore Carol King as an artist and look at her achievements.

**PE**

Basketball - skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, attacking and defending will be developed and then applied to some different games.



**Computing**

Children will be using Microbits and using these alongside the laptops. By exploring algorithms, children will create their own coding to create a working pedometer.



**RE**

We will increase our general awareness of the global world we live in and learn about the impact of religion on both individuals and communities.

**Useful Information**

What can you do to help your child?

**Reading**

We should also be aiming to read at least three times per week. Please ensure reading books and diaries are in school every day.

**Online Resources**

Children have access to a number of websites to support their learning such as: conquermaths, edshed, ttrackstars. These should be used weekly to support learning at school and children are aware of this too.

Please ensure children's reading books and reading records are in school every day. Thank you!

PE - Our PE day remains on a Thursday but please ensure PE kits are in school on a Monday for the duration of the week. Please ensure children have got outdoor kit (joggers, hoody, trainers) as we will be making use of the outdoors whenever possible. Earrings should not be worn on PE days either for safety.

Our current class novel is 'Skellig' and will then be 'Peril in Paris'.



Thank you for your continued support. If there is anything else you would to discuss, please use our class email: y6cleves@cclt.education and somebody will be happy to help.

