

Year 6 Spring 1 Learning Letter

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Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break, and feel ready for the exciting and busy half term ahead.

The New Year brings exciting new topics. The dragons have flown away (for now!) and there will be lots of new, exciting learning opportunities for the children. The timetable itself has not changed too much and the children should feel the familiar routine kick in straight away.

Mrs Myring will continue to teach on Monday and Tuesday mornings, Mrs Zawodniak on Tuesday afternoons and Mrs Walsh (the former Miss Morrow!) from Wednesday to Friday.



Our geography focus for the term takes us on a journey to the centre of the earth. We will learn all about the structure of our planet, the phenomena of tectonics and volcanoes as well as travelling back in time to the dramatic eruption that destroyed Pompeii back in 79AD. In science, we will be learning about electrical circuits and combining this with

our D&T skills to make moving, volcano pictures, which also light up! In art, we will be exploring the works of a contemporary artist - Nigel Cooke - and use his landscape work as inspiration for our own artwork. Programming and coding is the focus for computing, using Scratch to make 'Escape from Pompeii' style games. PE

is still timetabled for Tuesdays and Thursdays where the children will be taking part in some circuit fitness on Tuesdays (indoor) and will be learning the skills and rules to play netball on a Thursday (outdoor). Please ensure kits remain in school all week in case of any timetable changes and can I reiterate again how important it is that the children have a correct, full indoor and outdoor P.E. kit as unfortunately there were many occasions last term where children had incomplete kit- trainers seemed to be a particular issue.



The children will begin the D.A.R.E. programme this term. A ten-week programme which takes place every year in year 6 at Willow Brook. The course is designed to develop a wide range of personal and social skills, including: understanding the need to take personal responsibility for themselves and others, effective communication and listening skills, the ability to deal with pressure and stressful situations, decision making skills, resistance skills and the ability to identify risks and consequences.

Maths and English are timetabled every day and cover a wide array of objectives and skills. English links closely to our volcano topic, where there will be plenty of opportunities to write creatively. The main areas in maths covered this half term are percentages, measurement, pie charts, line graphs, shape and volume. Homework will continue as normal: English will be set during group reading and maths will be handed out each Friday to be returned by the following Thursday.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Lisa Walsh and Hanna Myring