

Stokenham Area Primary School
Outline Planning for Autumn Term 2018 Years 5 & 6

Dear Parents,

We have listed below the themes for each subject area that we will be following this term which we hope you will find useful.

Core Subjects

Maths: The focus for this term will be on ensuring that children can confidently solve mathematical questions using all four operations quickly and effectively. It is vital that all children practise their times tables and number bonds regularly so that they have rapid recall of these facts. As term progresses, Year 6 children in particular will move on to applying their learned skills in solving real life problems and investigations.

English: We will focus on a variety of texts both fiction and non-fiction.

We will be ensuring that children build on the skills they already have and encouraging them to become more confident in using a variety of punctuation in their writing. There will also be regular handwriting lessons so that the actual process of writing does not delay putting thoughts down into words. There will be weekly spellings taken from the new Spelling Curriculum. There will also be regular extended writing sessions giving children more opportunities to practise the skills they learn in a timed setting.

Foundation Subjects

We are following the materials from the International Primary Curriculum and this term Year 5 will be studying 'The Great, the Bold and the Brave' which looks at classic civilisations from Greece, Rome and Vikings and their impact on Britain and Year 6 will be exploring the world of 'A.D. 900' – a study of what different areas of the world were like around that time period. Both these are brand new History units that fit into the new Primary Curriculum. Subject areas not included in these units will be taught as discreet subjects to ensure that all children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum.

Science: In Year 5 we will be studying the units 'Forces' which looks at a variety of different areas such as gravity, air and water resistance and friction and 'Earth and Space' whilst in Year 6 we will be taking an in-depth look at 'Biodiversity' and the classification of animal and plant life and 'The Art of Being Human' – looking at the internal workings of the human body, such as circulation and respiration. The children will learn and understand specific concepts and be given the opportunity to apply this knowledge to a variety of situations. They will be encouraged to record their findings in a variety of ways.

Computing: We will begin looking at the Computing curriculum which includes opportunities for children to learn programming skills and investigating the best ways to stay safe on the Internet. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of researching information from the Internet as well as improving our word processing and typing skills. We continue to develop skills in giving multi-media presentations and use computers to control experiments.

RE: Year 5 will be looking at the religious experiences of Hinduism whilst Year 6 will be investigating the beliefs and lives of Sikhs. This will enable us to recognise diversity, both within the British Isles and further afield in the formation of religious and spiritual expression.

PSHE/SEAL: Everyone in the unit will be developing their social skills, learning to get on with each other, respecting people and property. This will be done through a variety of methods including circle times and class councils and will include the SEAL materials "New Beginnings."

PE: Our PE this term will be on the topic of 'Net and Wall Games', concentrating on Tennis skills and tactics and working together in pairs to play games. All children need to make sure that they have their PE kit in school at all times.

All of the work undertaken will ensure that children are reaching their personal learning goals. They will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working individually, in partners and constantly changing groups to enable everyone to develop cross curricular and social skills. Work is differentiated to ensure that all everyone can access the curriculum and can "be the best that they can be."

If you have any items relevant to any of the above subject areas we would be delighted to borrow them.

It is our hope that you will support your children with homework, regular reading and the learning of tables, number bonds and spellings.

We are always pleased to welcome you into school if you have concerns about your child's educational or social development or if you would like to volunteer your talents! Feel free to send messages via your child's Reading Record.

With best wishes,

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