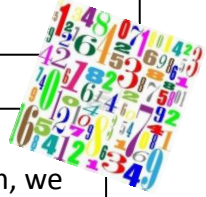


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Hello and welcome back to what promises to be an action packed term. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break and are now ready for the challenges ahead in your final term at Ashton West End Primary Academy.



Literacy

This half term will be continuing our work on The Graveyard Book, by Neil Gaiman. Our writing will include fiction and non-fiction genres, concluding with our own endings to the story.

Later in the term, we will investigate non-fiction in greater detail, including formal and impersonal language.



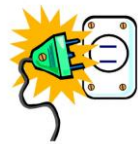
The children should continue to learn their spellings weekly and ensure that they are changing their reading book at least once per week. The children should also continue to practise and develop a joined, legible handwriting style.

Numeracy

For the first half of the term, we will be reviewing and revising a range of topics. This will include ration and proportion, statistics, shape and calculations. The children will develop their arithmetic and reasoning skills through each of these topics.

Following SATs week, we will be completing a range of fun problem solving activities and continue to develop our mastery of maths.

ELECTRICITY



Science

The first half of the term focuses on electricity. We will investigate electrical circuits and their components. We will build circuits and experiment with adding additional batteries, bulbs and motors. We will also investigate electrical conductors and insulators and apply this knowledge to practical science activities.

After half term we will be looking at habitats and organism, including micro organisms.

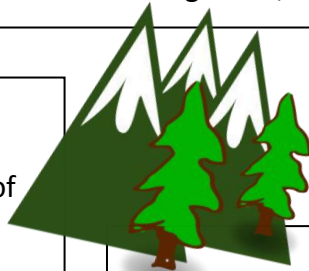
Geography

Our topic this term is Mountains, Rivers and Coasts. We will look at the features of each of these and how they affect the landscape.

We will begin investigating mountains and mountain ranges. The children will use maps and atlases to locate different mountains and identify key features. We will also find out how different mountains are formed.

Following this we review rivers and complete our learning by finding out about the coasts around Britain and how they are formed.

In addition we will consider the water cycle and environmental issues, such as coastal erosion.



RE

What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa (harmlessness), Grace (the generosity of God), and Ummah (community)?

The children will follow on from their learning about different religions and consider how belief affects daily life.

They will think about the different commitments people have in their lives, including those taught in the religions of Islam, Christianity and Hinduism.

They will then investigate how these beliefs help

Computing

This term we are investigating control and programming, using a programme called Flowol. We will consider how to input information, causing an output – for example a flashing light. The children will learn valuable problem solving skills and begin to develop an understanding of computer programming.



PE

PE will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that a full PE kit is in school, including pumps for indoor use and trainers for outdoor use.

Our PE this term will be Rounders, followed by Athletics after the half term break.

Music

Music will continue to follow the schemes on the Charanga website.

This term our song focuses on friendship. The children will learn to sing and play instruments. Some may even use musical notation for their own compositions!



Design Technology

We will be looking at rotating mechanisms using both pulleys and electrical circuits. The theme will be, 'The Fairground' and the children will design and make a model fairground ride.



SATS

Thank you for the effort and positivity you have given towards boosters and SATs preparation. The children are working hard and are developing in their confidence and application of skills.

Boosters will continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15am and on Wednesday morning at 8:30am.

The week beginning the 14th May is SATs week.
The timetable is as follows:

14/5/18 - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test

15/5/18- Reading Test

16/5/18- Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Paper 2 (Reasoning)

17/5/18- Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

18/5/18- Science Test

During this week, we will be offering a breakfast club for pupils in Year 6 from 8:15am each morning – at no cost.

Please support us in ensuring that your child is at school on time and has had a good night's sleep. This can make a big difference.

If at any time you have any questions, please make an appointment to see me.

Your support is valued and appreciated.

Thank You,

Mrs Green