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English:

The Promise

During this half-term, we will be focusing on covering previously learnt grammar and punctuation including the use of apostrophes and commas.

Our class text will be 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies where we will focus on understanding the meaning of new vocabulary and understand different forms of figurative language. We will then create our own sequel based on the ending of The Promise.

The Alchemist's Letter

Using The Alchemist's Letter, a short video, the children will learn how to write for a persuasive purpose and will produce their own advert.

Spelling: Children will revise the Year 5/6 word list by understanding the meanings of the words and the spelling patterns they follow. They will also secure their accuracy in adding prefixes e.g. un, dis, mis and common homophones.

We also ask that children read at home daily and record their reading in their reading records.

Science:

This unit will focus on the circulatory system. The children will learn about the key parts of the body which are involved in the circulatory system such as the heart and blood vessels.

They will then investigate the impact exercise has on our hearts and the negative impacts drugs and alcohol can have on our health.

"Children have the right to an education that should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest."

Article 29—United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Geography:

This half-term, Geography will be based on North America

We will use a range of different maps to locate and name the countries and capitals of North America. Also, we will look at the environmental regions of different areas of North America. The children will also consider the impact that climate control has.

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D.T:

This D.T unit will be on cooking burgers. The children will learn about how we can make healthy options with food by considering the calorie content.

We will then learn how to make different burger patties and the different cooking techniques that could be used. The children will explore different sauces and breads that could be used with a burger before they then create and cook their burgers.



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Home Learning

This half term the children will be set a project linked to our current learning, which they will have a number of weeks to complete.

Throughout the term, children will also be given spelling, grammar and reading tasks to enhance and embed their learning, as well as Math Shed Assignments and rehearsal of their times tables, using Times Table Rockstars.

This home learning will be given out every **Friday** and is due back in school the following **Thursday**, please help your child to remember this.

Please see Mr Longland if you need to use the Kindles/computers to complete your home learning during break or lunch.

Dates for your diary:

7th November—School photos

14th & 16th November - Parents' Evening

15th December - end of term

Maths - *all 4 operations and fractions* - This term in maths we will be exploring how to use all 4 operations of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing to solve multi-step problems. We will look at how we combine these operations in problem-solving contexts using both mental and written methods. We will then develop our understanding of fractions and how to add, subtract, multiply and divide them.

French - During this half term, children will be continuing to learn French. They will extend their language around the weekend by learning how to read, speak and write about common interests and hobbies. We will also develop our understanding of telling the time in French.

P.S.H.E - The children will be following the PHSE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Celebrating Me.' This will allow children to consider their own strengths and how to celebrate other people's individuality.

P.E - lessons will be on Thursday and Friday afternoons. The children will be focussing on developing their skills of dribbling, passing and shooting before applying this into a game of Hockey. Children will also be learning how to play tag rugby by focusing on how to pass and work as a team.

PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN COME IN TO SCHOOL IN THEIR P.E KITS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

Children who have recently had their ears pierced should cover them with tape, but once they have healed, they must not wear earrings for any PE lessons.