



Saturn Class Update!



GET READY TO:
LEARN **see** DO
read **EXPLORE**
question **GROW**
laugh **SMILE**
IMPROVE **SHARE**
try write **CONNECT**
imagine **DO YOUR VERY BEST**

Our learning in November and December 2024:



Our topic this term will see us explore the Maya civilisation. Through this historical exploration, we will locate the ancient Maya cities, explore what their cities looked like, understand the Maya hierarchy and beliefs, learn to use the Maya number system and find out what the Maya ate and where their food came from (linking with our trip to Cadbury World). We will also explore Maya civilisation through making masks, temples and through playing, what's believed to be, the first ever team sport, Pok-a-Tok.

English:

Our English work will begin with writing a non-fiction persuasive letter. This will be followed by a defeating the monster story: Tibecena, which will focus on character description. Finally, we will write a Christmas poem in the form of a cinquain (*sin-cane*).

Maths:

This half term will mainly be a unit on fractions and will include:

- Equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions;
- Comparing and ordering;
- Add and subtract fractions, add and subtract mixed number fractions;
- Multiply fraction by an integer, multiply by a fraction;
- Divide any fraction by an integer;
- Fractions of amounts.



NB: Please see the class page for guides to Maths understanding.

Homework:

- Reading – DAILY (20 minutes a day at home). Reading journals will be checked on a Monday but should be in school, with their reading book, every day. Although each child is allowed to read independently at home, it is vital that occasionally parents **listen to their child read** and **discuss their reading with them**. Please add a signature when you have heard your child read.
- Reading Comprehension - handed out Mondays: completed and returned the following Monday.
- SPaG – handed out Mondays: completed and returned on Mondays.
- Spellings – Handed out Mondays; worked on during the week and tested on the following Monday.
- Maths – handed out on Friday to be completed and handed in the following Wednesday.

If your child is finding homework tricky, please support them and make a note about the form of this help. However, if they continue to struggle please make sure they seek help at school **before** the handing in date.

Useful information:

PE: Thursdays. PE kit (plain, white top; plain, dark shorts/trousers; dark jumper/hoodie; trainers NOT pumps; and socks). It is important children have the **correct uniform for PE**, the same as they would for a school day. Occasionally, we will have an additional Monday lesson which the children will be notified about.

Dates for the diary:

- 4th Nov – INSET DAY
- 8th Nov – Individual Photographs.
- 15th Nov – Dress down for Children in Need.
- 21st Nov – M&M Production, A Christmas Carol.
- 25th Nov – Year 5/6 Cadbury World Trip.
- 5th Dec – School Disco.
- 6th Dec – Coffee Morning & Christmas Jumper day.
- 13th Dec – Elfridges Sale
- 20th Dec – Last day of term.



In Year 6, there is a great expectation on appropriate behaviour, not only in preparation for secondary school but also as the eldest children in school. This year, alongside educational expectations, children will be developing their independence, leadership skills and demonstrating an appropriate role model to other years throughout the school. I am confident that children will rise to this challenge admirably. Parental help and support, in installing appropriate behaviour, helping to develop effective study habits and building independence is essential and much appreciated.

Any queries or information to pass on can be via the school office - Julie.carter@littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471 – or directly with myself at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mr Thomasson & the Year 6 team.

