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ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas.

We wanted to get in touch again and let you know our plans for the Spring half term. The Year 6 teacher and TA team are looking forward to another successful, exciting and busy half term.

If you would like to support your child's learning at home, we thought it would be helpful for you to have a more detailed idea of what we are learning about.

Maths

Across all of the stages in Maths, the students will be learning about addition and subtraction, then multiplication and division.

English

In English this term, the students will be learning how to write in a journalistic style to create some newspaper reports about an exciting event. They will then move onto creating their own mythological stories, using descriptive language to develop thrilling plots, characters and settings, before introducing a flashback as a structural technique to develop their story writing.

SPAG

Students will learn how and when to use commas, dashes, hyphens and brackets in their writing for maximum effect. They will also practice some common spelling patterns for word endings.

History

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be learning about the achievements of the first civilisations. For this, students will be focusing on the early civilisation The Shang Dynasty of ancient China.

Science

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be learning about Forces and Magnets, which will be taught by Miss Wade, and Earth and Space, which will be taught by Mr Slater.

During Forces and Magnets, the students will be learning about gravity and air resistance of falling objects. Students will also learn about the effects of forces on an object which cause movement, and friction on moving objects, which slows or stops moving objects. Students will explore this through science investigation and enquiry.

During Earth and Space, they will learn how to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system, and then, at a closer level, to describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. They will recognise that the Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical bodies and will be able to use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.

PSHE

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be learning about healthy relationships. The Upper Juniors will be looking at identifying healthy relationships and exploring strategies to resolve conflict.

Art

In art lessons we will be starting our project on 'Portraits' using colour, line and tone. We will explore the correct sketching of facial proportions and colour mixing of skin tones, through studying the work of Picasso, van Gogh and Kahlo.

Drama

In Drama this term we are going to be developing our social skills and trust.

Music

In music this term we will be looking at rhythm and pulse. We will explore different percussion instruments, learning about how they work and how we can use them to create exciting rhythmic compositions. In the second half term we will look at music from around the world including countries such as Ghana, Jamaica and China.

As always, please do contact Ms Wade or Mr Slater if you would like any information supporting your child at home with learning:

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