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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

In Maths we will be looking at the topics of Addition and Subtraction as well as Multiplication and Division. Students will continue to work on Maths in the groups that provide them with the right amount of challenge and support. Students are able to practice their times tables using TTRockstars (the link is included below)

<https://trockstars.com/>

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 practise some common spelling patterns for word endings.

History

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be learning about the event leading up to the events of the French Revolution. For this, students will be focusing on King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette and how their lifestyles led to the French Revolution. The French revolution led to the battles between Napoleon and Nelson.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4xx2v4>

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 Mrs Urry.

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.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zbjn3qt>

In the Earth and Space unit, students 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. <https://www.britannica.com/video/186451/rotation-Moon>

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.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdvn6v4>

Computing

In this unit, learners will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the Makecode programming environment. Learners will be introduced to a Microbit computer and learn how to connect and program components (including output devices) through the application of their existing programming knowledge. Learners are introduced to conditions as a means of controlling the flow of actions and make use of their knowledge of repetition and conditions when introduced to the concept of selection (through the if, then structure).

Art

In art lessons, Upper Juniors will be exploring realistic and abstract portraits using colour, line and tone. Students will develop correct sketching of facial proportions, colour mixing of skin tones, while considering the work of portrait artists, including Picasso. <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-pablo-picasso>

Drama

This half term we will be developing our communication skills, teamwork and building trust through drama activities.

Music

In music this term we will be exploring rhythm and pulse through a range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. We will use our bodies to create interesting rhythmic compositions as well as trying to create a simple four beat rhythm on the electronic drumkits.

Handwriting

Students will continue to practise letter formation and simple joins.

PE

During Spring term one, the Upper Juniors will be continuing with Gymnastics for 2 weeks. The Upper Juniors will use the skills developed from Fundamental Movements (FUNs) during gymnastics to play games such as seated volleyball, jump ball and dodgeball.

Homework.

The students will be sent home a homework folder, which is optional to complete. Students will be rewarded with house points for completed homework.

Reading at home

Students are encouraged to read at home and record this in their planner to receive house points and reward trips.

Spelling:

Students will receive a new list of words each Wednesday for a test on the following Wednesday. Please encourage students to practise, as getting a positive score can give a huge boost to their confidence and of course has an impact on their overall standard of writing.

As always, please do contact Ms Wade if you would like any information supporting your child at home with learning: lwade@allsaintslessingham.co.uk