



PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
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This terms curriculum topics

Reception – Jungle



Welcome to the Jungle! We are stomping through our first topic at school learning about all of the animals that call the jungle their home. We will also be discussing our homes and what makes us all unique. We are very excited to start Forest School where we will be learning the principles of outdoors learning too. There will be lots of singing and dancing this term in preparation for our first curriculum day at school where we will be dressing up as jungle animals; what a wild start to the year!

Mrs Kerr and Mrd Bhangal

Year 1- Into the Woods



This term, year 1 will be exploring all things forest and woodland as we embark on our art and DT topic. We will begin by looking at a number of different woodlands and what animals live here. We will then be getting super creative with lead portraits and woodland rubbing artwork. We will be completing the topic with some woodwork skills and will be making hibernation homes for animals who have the woodlands as their habitat. This topic is going to be very hands on and will link very well with our regular forest school sessions.

Miss Thompson and Mrs Schreter

Year 2- Explorers of the World



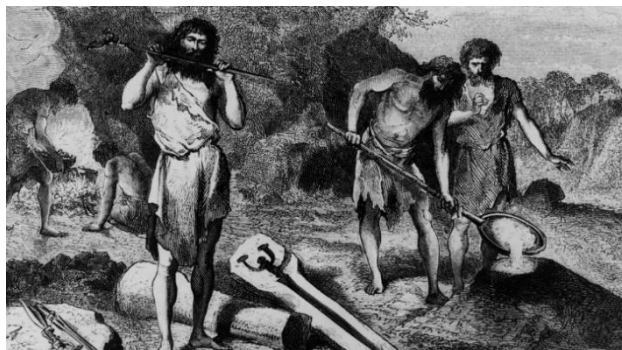
This term in Year 2, we are putting on our history hats and exploring boots and discovering all about explorers and expeditions that have changed the way the world is today. We will begin by cruising through the ocean and ice explorers like Edmund Hillary and James Cook; then flying through some influential air explorers such as Amelia Earhart; and finally blasting off to learn about some explorers of space like Neil Armstrong and Kalpana Chawla. Throughout the term will be considering the impact of each explorer on the world we live in today and discuss the challenges they will have faced along the way; as well as discussing whether an unsuccessful expedition means they are bad explorers or whether perseverance and determination is what really makes an explorer great.

Miss Laundon and Miss Beacoll

Year 3- Ancient Britain



This term in Year 3, we will be going on a journey through Ancient Britain. We will be starting in 4000BC in



the New Stone Age with a focus on the transition from hunter gatherer to farmer. As we progress, we will be moving on to the Bronze Age and learning about how migrating people introduced bronze to Britain. Our final stop in history for the term will be the Iron Age. We will be focusing on the tribal leaders and how they changed their way of living to protect themselves. Throughout all these periods of time we will be looking at the difference between housing, jewellery, weapons and the importance of gods and ancestors.

We are so excited for a fantastic year and seeing the children excel.

Miss Millar and Miss Zaman



Year 4- Ancient Civilization



This Term, Year 4 will begin their new topic 'Ancient Civilizations' in which they will be delving into the world of Ancient Egypt. They will begin with learning about the location of Ancient Egypt, as well as where some of the key features such as the pyramids and river Nile were located within the society. They will then move on to learning about the timeline of Ancient Egypt and how it is embedded within the timeline of the Ancient world. Children then start to explore the lifestyle of the Egyptians looking at their clothing, what they ate and how the Nile impacted their lives. As part of this, the children will have the opportunity to make their

very own papyrus paper and use this to then paint their own hieroglyphics onto. Towards the end of the term, the children will be immersed into how the Egyptians Dynasties were formed ruled and will even get to discover and explore their own Pharaoh tomb.

Mr Mackenzie and Miss Sullivan

Year 5- The Worlds Wars



This term, Year 5 will be focusing on how and why Britain declared war in 1914. This is a fascinating topic to kick off an exciting year for our children. We will be exploring not only life during the war but also how it affected everyday life not just for the people of Britain but from all of the leading powers of Europe at the time. Furthermore, the children will also be taught the sacrifices women made during the crucial period of 1914 – 1918 and the impact they had not only in battle but how they revolutionised rights for women in the 20th Century. In order for our

children will be fully immersed into the curriculum where we will recreate trenches in the classroom, have a war room where we look at strategies and tactics used in battle. Then to end this exciting topic, we will be focusing on remembrance to commemorate all of the people who sacrificed themselves for our country.

Miss Briddon and Miss Walsh

Year 6 – Vietnam



This term, Year 6 will be learning all about the historical events that took place in Vietnam between the years of 1959 and 1975. We will begin by refining our geographical knowledge of the region as well as learning about the political divide within the country, including key figures inside the government and the concept of communism. We will be exploring America's role within the war, and the key reasons that they mobilised their military force and intervened with the events happening within Vietnam. Year 6 will be immersing themselves inside some experiences faced by the Viet Cong by exploring the hostile environment within the tunnels used to evade the enemy. We are looking forward to completing some wonderful artwork surrounding the anti-war movement that surfaced in America, including enjoying some of the music that was used to spread the message of peace. To help with us this further, we will be creating our own tie-die t-shirts to wear while we protest the war throughout the school, just like millions of people did across the USA.

We are looking forward to seeing all the amazing work that the Year 6 children produce.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Hayes

Goodbyes

Sadly, over the summer break Mrs Battison, Miss Cross and Mrs Connors-Platter, all members of our fantastic support staff team, left the school over the summer holidays, moving onto new and exciting ventures. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for all of their hard work and contribution to the school over their years here and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Mrs Wheal, our Year 5 Teaching assistant will sadly be leaving us at the end of next week. I would like to wish Mrs Wheal well on her new career venture and thank her for being a wonderful support to children and staff over her years here.

Key dates

Monday 26th Sept – Y6 parent welcome to year group meeting at 8:50am (Studio room)

Monday 29th Sept – Y1 parent welcome to year group meeting at 8:50am (Hall)

Thursday 13th October – parents evening

Thursday 20th October – parents evening

Wednesday 19th October – Halloween disco (Ks1 3:30-4:30pm / ks2 4:45 – 5:45pm)

More information regarding parents evening and the school disco to follow

Parent Workshops

Alongside information on the website, we will be holding some workshop meetings to share our teaching processes around the following subjects:

KS1 – Wednesday 28th September at 5pm

Covering school approaches to teaching handwriting, phonics and Maths in KS1

Ks2 – Thursday 29th September at 5:00pm

Covering school approaches to teaching reading, Maths, spelling punctuation and grammar

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

