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CURRICULUM INFORMATION



**Key Stage Two
Year 5 & 6
Autumn Term 2008**

What are we learning about this term?

ENGLISH

Year 5

- Poetic style
- Novels and stories by significant children's authors

Year 6

- Persuasion
- Fiction Genres

MATHEMATICS

- Handling data and measures
- Securing number facts
- Understanding shape
- Counting, partitioning and calculating

SCIENCE

Year 5

- Earth, Sun and Moon
- Changing State (solid, liquid and gas)

Year 6

- Keys, habitats, interdependence and adaptations
- Forces, gravity, friction, air resistance, water resistance
- Light
- Microbes
- Solids, liquids and gases
- Ourselves – teeth, human life cycle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Humanism. This unit looks at a secular view of a religion, taking into account the beliefs of all the six religions studied at Fairlands School.
- Poverty and Wealth. This unit allows pupils to explore some of the financial inequalities in the world and look at how some people believe it is right to change this.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

- Graphical Modelling. Children learn to use an object based graphics package to produce images.
- Interpreting data. Children learn to use prepared databases to answer questions.
- Year 6 only – SAM learning & BBC Revise wise

HISTORY

- *The Victorians!* In this unit children find out about the lives of Victorian children, how attitudes towards children changed and the people who are remembered for their part in these changes.

GEOGRAPHY

- Nothing this term

MUSIC

- Cyclic Patterns (Exploring rhythm and pulse)

ART AND DESIGN

None this term

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

- Biscuits. Children learn how to adapt a basic recipe to develop a product with specified criteria.
- Moving toys. Children learn about controlling movement with a cam mechanism as part of a simple toy.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Invasion Games

- Ball handling
- Practice skills and tactical development in hockey and football
- Mini-game situations to practice skills and develop team skills of co-operation and communication

Swimming Year 5 only

Lime – Tuesdays

Larch - Thursdays

What else is happening?

SEAL Time

Each term, we focus on a particular aspect of Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning (S.E.A.L).

This term, we will be looking at the themes of 'New beginnings', 'Getting on and falling out', 'Say no to bullying'.

Homework

Please support your child by making sure that they read on a daily basis.

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Deadline for handing in homework
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Homework set in English , Maths (and Science -year 6 only)

Clubs

Skills 7 Football Club	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.45pm
Sewing Club	Tuesday Lunchtime
Computer Club	Year 5 Wednesday Lunchtime Year 6 Thursday Lunchtime
Knitting club	Wednesday Lunchtime
Games Library	Friday 8.50am – 9.10am

Forthcoming Events

Thursday, 18 th September	Parent Forum
Thursday, 18 th September	Upper KS2 Parents Welcome Meeting
Thursday, 25 th September	School Photographer
Monday, 13 th October	Parent / Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 6.00pm
Wednesday, 15 th October	Parent / Teacher Consultations 7.00 – 9.00pm