

Park School Parents' Curriculum Forecast - Michaelmas Term 2010 - Year 6

Please read this in conjunction with the Parents' Handbook

As well as the following curriculum we will also spend some time this term preparing the children for their external examinations in English, Mathematics and Reasoning, including working on examination techniques.

In Year 6 **Literacy** we will be studying, writing and discussing a range of biographies, articles, reports, accounts and diaries as well as classic fiction by significant authors. 6SW's class reader will be "Goodnight Mr Tom" and 6EH will read "Johnny and The Bomb". Formal English exercises in comprehension, spelling and grammar play an important part as well as writing based on our texts.

This term in **Numeracy** we will be working on some practice papers. We will also extend knowledge on place value, multiplication and division strategies, fractions, percentages, decimals and multiples. Shape and space work includes angles, quadrants, area and perimeter. The children will have weekly Mathematics sessions.

Our **Science** topics include interdependence and adaptation - seeing how green plants need and react to light and the effects of food chains. We will study habitats and ecology at Hengistbury Head. We will also learn more about dissolving, solutions and evaporation.

Technology topics include looking at the design and materials used in slippers.

In **History** we are studying Hengistbury Head – what sort of people have lived there in the past and the effects on the environment of their activities.

Geography looks at the features of Hengistbury Head as well as investigating the landforms associated with rivers in Britain and abroad. We will also collect stories from the news, which have a geographical link. Please help your child keep a lookout in the papers for interesting items.

In **Art and Craft** we will paint seascapes of Hengistbury Head and study how artists portray the sea.

We shall be studying the nation of Israel in **Religious Education**, including looking at some of its history from Abraham to the current situation. We will also look at worship within communities. Class discussions will help us deal with any **Personal and Social** matters that may arise as well learning the Rainbow Seal scheme of lessons.

In **Music** the children will explore lyrics and melody as they write their own songs. They will also explore sound sources and work through the "Groovy City" music programme on the computer.

The French curriculum is under review.

Reasoning, both verbal and non-verbal becomes important in the approach to competitive examinations. The children will receive individual and small group help to develop their own strategies, improving logic skills, speed and accuracy in this area.

We will use **Information and Communication Technology** for word processing and retrieving information for research. We will also use a multimedia program to design and link pages.

In **Physical Education** the work will include gymnastics, football, tag rugby, unihoc and netball, improving skills in ball control and team-work.

Visits

Hengistbury Head Centre - 6SW – 20 September, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
6EH – 27 September, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
Hengistbury Head Fieldwork Walk - 21 October, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

If you have any questions about this document or other matters please see Mrs White or Mr Higgs