



Summer Term 2018 Topic Overview

Oak Class

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter. We have a busy Summer term ahead with lots of exciting new topics. This letter will share with you what we will be studying in more detail.

Literacy

For Literacy in Term 5, our theme is 'Fiction from our Literary Heritage' and the text I have chosen is A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. We will explore the characters in detail and think about and discuss the ideas of 'dreams' and 'magic' from the play. The children will experiment with script writing and will develop their creative writing skills by imagining and writing about either a magical dream, or a magic potion or spell. We will also enhance our performance skills through acting, speaking and listening. Alongside this, we will study some poems by William Shakespeare and practice our instruction writing.

During Term 6, our focus will change to report writing. The children will learn about the correct features in a newspaper; learn about researching and interviewing; and eventually write up their own reports. We will continue to revise GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) throughout the rest of the year, particularly focusing on spelling rules and patterns. Comprehension and inference skills will also be revised.

Numeracy

We will cover a range of topics in Numeracy during Terms 5 and 6, including decimals and percentages. We will revise areas we have already covered, such as multiplication and division and fractions to help secure understanding. The class will continue to practice answering multi-step word problems and learning new ways to problem solve. I will encourage the concept of mathematical reasoning and peer coaching. In addition, there will be the revision of times tables and mental maths skills.

Science

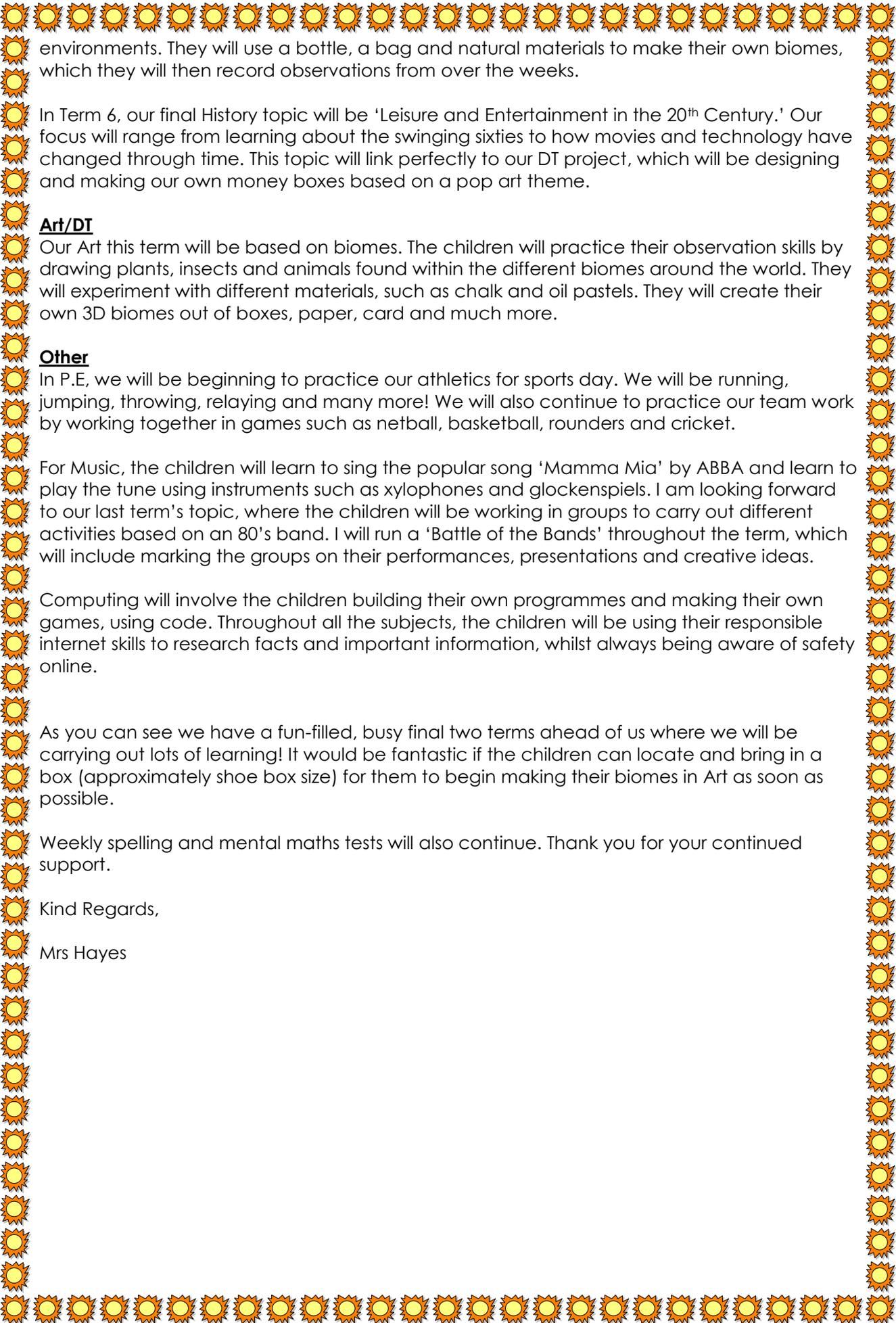
'Animals Including Humans' is our topic for Term 5. The children will learn about the human life cycle, completing activities such as drawing the human timeline, showing the changes in each stage of growth. In Term 6, our topic is 'All Living Things and Their Habitats,' which involves studying plant and mammal life cycles and comparing the similarities or differences between them.

R.E

Our R.E topic this term is Judaism. By the end of this unit pupils will be able to make connections between Jewish practice, teachings from the Torah and their beliefs about God. We will learn about Jewish festivals and describe how they impact Jewish people today. We will also answer key questions from different perspectives. For Term 6, we will be studying Islam.

Topic

Our Topic for this first term is Geography. We will be learning about the world's different biomes and what climate and types of animals or plants can be found there. The children will research this information independently and record their findings in a variety of creative ways. They will be making their own creative 3D biomes, using boxes and mixed media, which links nicely to our Art topic. They will all need to start thinking about bringing boxes and materials in to help them with this task. Furthermore, in groups they will experiment making 'biome baggies.' These will help to show the children how plants grow in different



environments. They will use a bottle, a bag and natural materials to make their own biomes, which they will then record observations from over the weeks.

In Term 6, our final History topic will be 'Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century.' Our focus will range from learning about the swinging sixties to how movies and technology have changed through time. This topic will link perfectly to our DT project, which will be designing and making our own money boxes based on a pop art theme.

Art/DT

Our Art this term will be based on biomes. The children will practice their observation skills by drawing plants, insects and animals found within the different biomes around the world. They will experiment with different materials, such as chalk and oil pastels. They will create their own 3D biomes out of boxes, paper, card and much more.

Other

In P.E, we will be beginning to practice our athletics for sports day. We will be running, jumping, throwing, relaying and many more! We will also continue to practice our team work by working together in games such as netball, basketball, rounders and cricket.

For Music, the children will learn to sing the popular song 'Mamma Mia' by ABBA and learn to play the tune using instruments such as xylophones and glockenspiels. I am looking forward to our last term's topic, where the children will be working in groups to carry out different activities based on an 80's band. I will run a 'Battle of the Bands' throughout the term, which will include marking the groups on their performances, presentations and creative ideas.

Computing will involve the children building their own programmes and making their own games, using code. Throughout all the subjects, the children will be using their responsible internet skills to research facts and important information, whilst always being aware of safety online.

As you can see we have a fun-filled, busy final two terms ahead of us where we will be carrying out lots of learning! It would be fantastic if the children can locate and bring in a box (approximately shoe box size) for them to begin making their biomes in Art as soon as possible.

Weekly spelling and mental maths tests will also continue. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hayes