

Summer Term 2017 Topic Overview

Oak Class

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter and enjoyed the sunshine. We have a busy Summer term with lots of exciting new topics. This letter is in addition to your child's letter and will provide you with some information about what we are learning in terms 5 and 6.

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 develop 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. Weekly spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday to be tested on the following Tuesday. A big thank you for the continued practice and support you are giving your children with these at home as it makes all the difference. English and Maths home learning will begin again on Friday 28th April.

Numeracy

We will cover a range of topics in Numeracy during Terms 5 and 6, including measurement, fractions, percentages to solve problems, and using money and statistics. We will revise other areas, such as multiplication and division to help secure understanding. The class will continue to practise 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 time tables and mental Maths skills.

Science

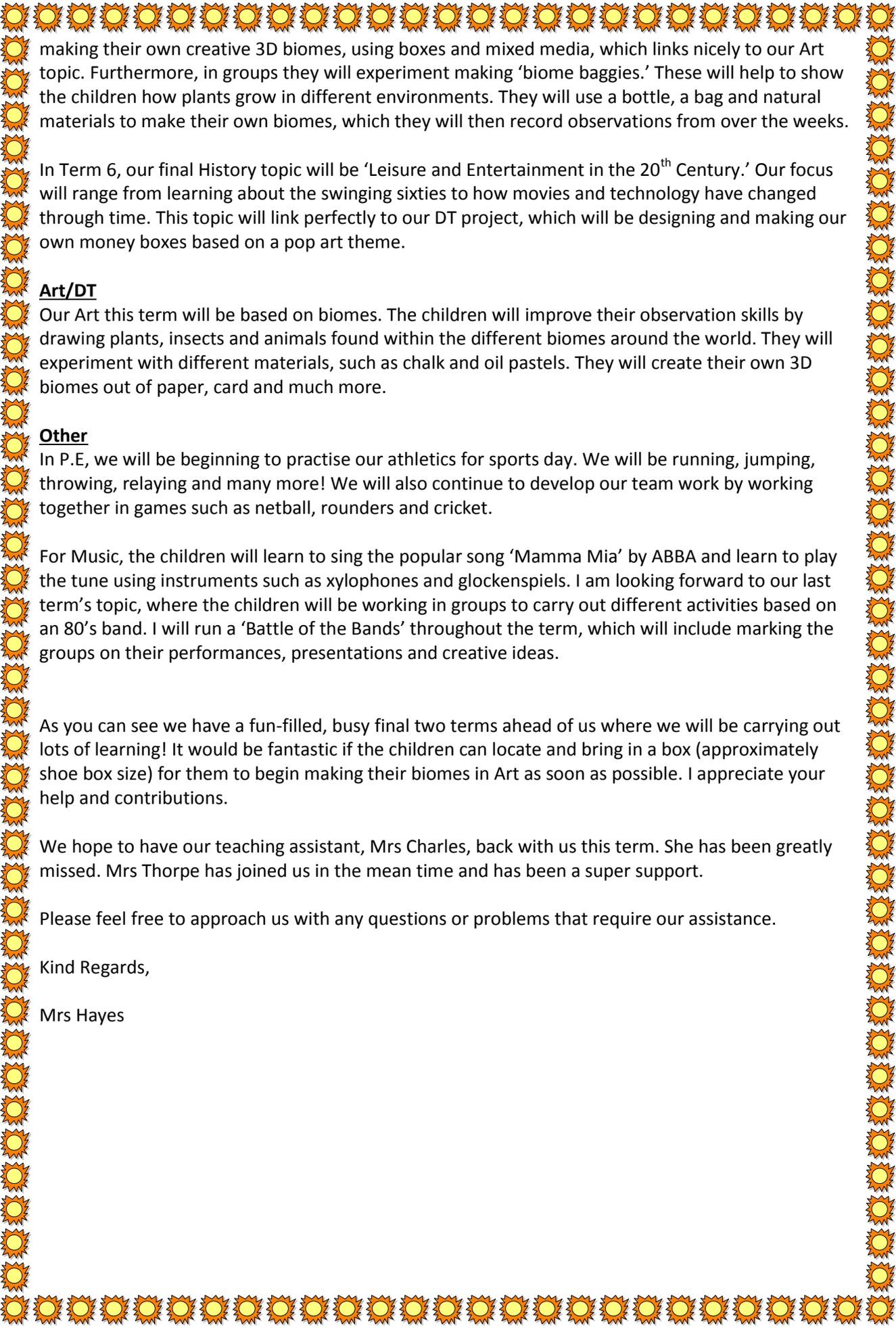
'Animals Including Humans' is our topic for Term 5. The children will learn about the human life cycle, completing activities such as drawing the human timeline, showing the changes in each stage of growth. In Term 6, our topic is 'All Living Things and Their Habitats,' which involves studying plant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

R.E

We are thinking about journeys in R.E, as our topics are Islam and Christianity. We will talk about Muslim birth rites and marriage, and discuss how these compare to other religions we have studied. The children will deepen their understanding of Islam and Christianity, learning key vocabulary and important traditions or occasions such as The Pentecost.

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. 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 improve 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 paper, card and much more.

Other

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

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. I appreciate your help and contributions.

We hope to have our teaching assistant, Mrs Charles, back with us this term. She has been greatly missed. Mrs Thorpe has joined us in the mean time and has been a super support.

Please feel free to approach us with any questions or problems that require our assistance.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hayes