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Year 6 Newsletter: Autumn 1 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Priory and Hello to Year Six!

During autumn term we will be discussing the question; *'Technology today: a scourge or a blessing?* The topic will use Science as a base: it will include weekly questions, which we will answer with the week's learning. An overview of our questions, along with our English and Maths coverage has been provided to let you know what we will be learning.

The Key Knowledge Points (KKPs) for this topic are science based, by the end of the topic the children will need to:

- Know about the human circulatory system - heart and lungs.
- Know about and explain how to look after the body.
- Know how to construct and investigate electrical circuits.

Area of learning	Week 1 (4 days)	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Challenge Curriculum	Is digital art as enjoyable as drawing?	How can we stay safe in the digital world?	From the heart: can you explain the journey?	How can we maintain optimum performance?	Exactly how does electricity help us?	Why do we really need electricity?	KINGSWOOD : Are We Ready?	Can we build and evaluate an electric car? Reflections week.
English	Diary Entry	Diary Entry	Non Chronological Report	Non Chronological Report	Journalistic	Journalistic		1 st Person Recount
Maths	Place Value	Place Value	Addition and Subtraction	Multiplication and Division	Geometry	Fractions		Fractions, Decimals and Percentage
Additional equipment/ events	Autumn term only, swimming	Swimming Piccadilly - Ambassador elections	Swimming Paddington	Swimming Piccadilly	Swimming Paddington	Swimming Piccadilly	Kingswood residential	Swimming Paddington



Home learning should run the same as last year, children will be expected to: read regularly and have their diaries signed; complete their weekly times tables practise and have a go on TT Rockstars; and complete their weekly spellings and spelling puzzle. Further focused work may be provided if necessary and extra work will always be available if the children, or yourselves, request it. Spellings will be given out on a Monday morning and will need to be returned on a Friday. Times tables books and Reading diaries also need to be returned on a Friday, but these will be given back out at the end of a day on a Friday.

As mentioned on the first page, we expect that pupils will continue to read regularly at home and keep a record in their home/school diary. We would be grateful if you could support your child by listening to them read, discussing the book and recording your comments about their reading in their diary. We ask pupils to read at home a minimum of three times per week (green in ROA).

P.E. lessons this half term will begin as gym and swimming, pupils will need an indoor kit available in school (Wednesday sessions). An indoor kit consists of an appropriately coloured team t-shirt, navy or black shorts and pumps. It is important that all children have the correct kit in school and that each item is labelled.

Swimming kit consists of: a bathing suit, (trunks for boys and one piece costumes for girls) swimming cap and towel; they will swim every other week to allow them to have a longer session, with more chance to apply their new skills. It is imperative that each pupil has a swimming cap, as some pupils missed lessons last year; pupils are not permitted to enter the pool without a cap. It is important that all children have the correct kit in school and that it is labelled with their name. If children require goggles, a signed letter will need to be handed in - they will not be allowed to wear them without this (a new letter is needed for each swimming block each year).

Everyone is expected to take part and a note from a parent is required from anyone unable to take part in PE sessions, due to medical grounds.

As ever, we appreciate your support, if there is anything at all that you wish to discuss, please pop in for a chat or give us a call.

Please note the following dates:

- Y6 Transition Evening (including Kingswood information) 18TH September
- Kingswood Residential Monday 14th October-Friday 18th October
- Parents' Evening Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October
- Parents' workshop in school Thursday 24th October 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m.
- Hanley museum trip to be confirmed for either the 4th or 5th of November (Autumn 2) - separate letter to follow.

Thank you for your support, feedback and help. If there is anything at all that you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us: via Dojo; in person before or after school; by telephone.

Kind regards,

Mr Bradshaw, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Snape, Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Davies .

