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Year 6 Newsletter

Welcome back to the Autumn Term at Hopping Hill and to Year 6

Literacy

We will be reading, analysing and writing

- Recounts
- Letters
- Diary entries
- Persuasion
- Flashbacks

This will be done through a range of paper and interactive texts.

To encourage children to write accurately we will be developing skills in punctuation, spelling and handwriting.

Numeracy

Throughout the autumn term children will be developing skills in:

- Place value– properties of number
- Decimals, Fractions & Percentages
- Calculation strategies
- Measurement facts
- Shape Properties
- Time
- Area and perimeter
- Angles
- Co-ordinates
- Interpreting Data

Children will be learning times tables as part of their homework. Please encourage your child to practise these regularly as they will help with all areas of numeracy.

Disasters!

This is our connector for the term. Through this work children develop their understanding of natural disasters: how and why they occur and how they affect the world in the past, present and future.

We will begin work on our key skills, these are:

- Writing for a purpose
- Using and applying mathematical skills
- Understanding evidence and reaching conclusions
- To speak and listen effectively for different audiences
- Explaining the author's intentions
- To effectively select and use ICT appropriate to the task

Science

Reversible and irreversible changes
Dissolving
Forces

Children will independently investigate scientific concepts related to the areas above.

PE

Children have begun their tag rugby unit and are learning skills for a range of competitive sports during rotation afternoon on Thursday's.

Later in the term we will be doing gymnastics in our PE sessions.

Children will need their PE kits in school throughout the week. We will remind them to take it home on Fridays. They need to be prepared for indoor and outdoor sessions.

Homework

Homework is a necessary extension to the children's learning at school and a great opportunity for parents to discuss achievement and progress with their child. Thank you for supporting your child by checking they have completed and understood their homework.

Please ensure your child is also reading regularly for sustained periods of time and practising their times tables and spellings. We know quite a few children have made a brilliant start to this already!

Don't forget to ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions about how you can support your child's learning.

Projects will continue this year and the first project will be based on Disasters – more details will follow.

How to Help!

Please help your child maintain or develop good learning habits by:

- **Ensuring completion of homework.**
- **Helping with learning of times tables.**
- **Checking your child is reading at home.**

When your child is reading discuss the type of the text. Try to encourage your child to read different types of text, fiction and non-fiction. Discuss the intended audience and the purpose of what your child is reading.

Information

Thank you for your support with the communication books. Your child will need to bring their *communication book* in to school everyday.

Class Assemblies – both 6W and 6R will have their class assemblies this term. Check the school calendar in your parent pack for dates.

Newspaper Day

Towards the end of the term we will bring our learning together by having an experience day. Children will meet a journalist and take part as a team to write the front page of a newspaper.

Useful websites:

www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk
www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/