



# Hickling Curriculum Newsletter ~ Spring 1

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have all had a fantastic Christmas and managed to find some time to relax amongst the tinsel and turkey and would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2019. This half term our topic is called 'All Around the World'. We will be looking at time zones and significant lines of longitude and latitude.

As Miss Watson is still awaiting surgery, Ms. Owen-Smith will continue to teach the class, ably supported by Ms. Freij. Please cross your fingers that the surgery date is soon, to enable Miss Watson to return to us in good health.

Here is some more information about what the children will be learning this half term:

<b>English</b> Our main focus this half term is VGPS- vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling. The children will continue to bring home weekly spellings that will then have to be used accurately, in a range of contexts	<b>Maths</b> In Maths we will be focusing on arithmetic, fractions and two step problems. Y6 will be using past SATS papers to develop test technique and speedy recall. Mathematics is a great way to practice the skills learnt in class and develop rapid recall of number bonds and times tables.	<b>Science</b> In Science we will be exploring the evidence of heliocentric and geocentric views of our solar system. We will investigate the phases of the moon and the reasons for night and day.	<b>PSHE</b> Relationships and Sex Education
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## **Topic - All Around the World**

Our topic for this half-term will have a geography focus. We will be using globes and world maps to identify and locate significant lines of longitude and latitude including the Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer and the Prime Meridian. We will compare and contrast countries on these lines to the UK. In Art we will explore different media whilst reproducing art work from Iceland, UK and Senegal (countries that all use GMT). At the end of half term, we will invite you into school to share the learning from this topic.

### **Helpful Websites**

Below you will find some websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

### **Maths**

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

### **Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)**

[www.spag.com](http://www.spag.com)

### **Books and Book Bags**

Thank you for continuing to read with your children and writing a comment in their reading records. It is very important that your child is reading every day. The children can change their books as soon as they have read them.

We will also be using the school library each week and the children will be choosing a book that interests them and bringing it home to share. These might not be books that the children can read independently, or, especially in the case of non-fiction books, ones that they want to read all of. Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they chose them and then letting them return the books when they are ready.

### **P.E Kits**

We plan to have PE on Monday and Wednesday. However, please ensure PE kits remain in school all week as they may need to do PE at different times to their usual lesson. The children will have PE outside on Monday and at the village hall on Wednesday.

Details of PE kits are on the school website.

### **Snacks**

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit for morning break.

### **Drinks**

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle, this should be placed on the shelf by the sink in the classroom. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

I hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do come and talk to us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5/6 Team

Miss Watson, Ms. Owen-Smith, Ms. Freij