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Dear Parents/Guardians

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with your children. They certainly all appear to have had fun during their holiday time. I had a good rest and return with renewed vigour ready for another exciting term teaching Year 6.

Below is an outline of what we hope to cover this term:

Science: Our topic this term is called "Around the World" with a leaning towards science and geography. We will be looking at living things and their environment, particularly focussing on adaptation and interdependence.

Geography: links to science by studying the climates of different habitats and their often fragile existence. We are focussing on comparing two particular climates - cold being the poles of our earth and hot being rainforest work, with a particular focus on the Caribbean.

Art: this topic will inevitably lend itself to a variety of artwork. I hope to include colour mixing to create a new leaf (to turn over for New Year ☺) after which we will focus on producing a range of work using different media, to build up a collection based on an animal.

DT: firstly we need to complete our carousels from last term and then our focus will be on food tech where we will be designing and making our own dip.

Music: is a unit of work on African music, exploring rhythm and pattern.

PE: will continue to be taught by Mr Barnes each Wednesday, I think he is hoping to teach Hockey (gum shields at the ready!) and I will be teaching dance based on the Haka.

RE/PSHE: will be topic based and focus on places of worship around the world, taking in different world religions on our journey. These will include Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Student of the week has been a huge success and will continue as part of our PSHE until all children have been pulled from the hat. For your information I will be teaching sex education to Year 6 during this term - more details will follow before this begins, I aim to start 2 weeks or so before half term.

ICT: threads through most of what we do now in school, but we will be refreshing on effective searching of the Internet, using Flexi tree to aid classification in science, PowerPoint to produce a topic related multimedia presentation and also recap on database work taught last term.

Literacy and Maths continues to be taught daily. Literacy will be predominantly linked to our topic with work on Shackleton's expedition to the Antarctic and then some work on Penguins! After half term the focus will move to rainforests. There is certainly no shortage of interesting and exciting work to do!

This is also the term of our residential trip which we will try to keep calm about until nearer the time. However it is VERY exciting! More details will follow nearer the time.

I have attached a list of dates for the term and a little beyond, with any luck your children have these in their homework diary but you may never get to see that! You will notice that I am attending Forest Schools training this term which involves 8 days out of the classroom. Fear not as I will be liaising closely with the teachers taking your children during this time and also using the class to try out my newly learnt skills! Should be great fun as my training seems to involve a lot of camp fires and axes too!! EEK!

Please do not hesitate to come in and see me at any time if you have any concerns or worries regarding your children and school. I am available every morning except Monday and every afternoon except Tuesday this half term.

Thanking you as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Sally Clarke

Year 6 diary dates 2012

Date	Event
Thursday 12 th January	Visit to University of Chichester, Bognor Regis Campus - 9.30 - 11.45am
Thursday 26 th January	"Orchestra Day" held at MRC for Year 6 children who learn an orchestral instrument. More details to follow.
Wednesday 1 st February	University of Chichester session 2 at MRC 9.45 - 11.45 am
Friday 10 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 20 th Feb - Friday 24 th Feb	Mrs Clarke out on Forest Schools training.
Thursday 1 st March	University of Chichester graduation ceremony for children at MRC 6-7pm
Monday 5 th March	Parents Evening 4 - 7pm
Tuesday 6 th March	Parents Evening 5 - 8pm
Monday 12 th March - Wednesday 14 th March	Mrs Clarke out on Forest Schools training.
Monday 12 th March	M&M theatre group performs to whole school
Wednesday 14 th March	Year 6 Science show at MRC - details and timings to follow
Monday 26 th March	Leave for the Isle of Wight
Friday 30 th March	Return from the Isle of Wight ☺
Friday 30 th March	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 16 th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 17 th April	Children back to school.
Monday 7 th May	May day
Monday 14 th May - Friday 18 th May	KS2 SAT's