

## Curriculum Report – Pink, Orange & Scarlet Classes

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, your child has now entered their final year at Grafton. We feel it is important that we work closely with you this term in order to prepare your child for the exciting, if sometimes challenging, transition to Secondary School.

In Year Six we expect an increased level of maturity to be displayed by the children. They, as the eldest in school, will be expected to set an example of good behaviour for the rest of Grafton's pupils. The level of independence required in their studies will obviously increase and we will expect the children to apply themselves fully and to the best of their ability in all aspects of our full curriculum. The Secondary School system demands independence both in learning, responsibility for completed homework and managing their way around school and we will be working towards those ends. We trust we have your support in this respect.



With only a few months to go before your child sits National Tests in English, and Maths (selected schools take Science and we could be chosen) we would like to remind you how important it is that they make the most of the educational programme offered during this term. Regular attendance, punctuality, enough sleep, regular breakfast (not sweets, cakes or crisps) and a responsible attitude towards their learning is essential if your child is to succeed.

### ENGLISH

In English we will study a range of classic fiction including poetry and an in depth study of a Shakespeare play. We will be travelling to the Wylllyotts Theatre to see a professional production of the play in November. In line with the English National Curriculum all the basic skills will be taught during the daily English lesson.

In the second half of the term we will focus mainly on non-fiction. This will include the following categories of writing: explanation, recount, report, instruction, persuasion and discussion.

If your child needs extra support with literacy, then they will be working in a small group each day with a fourth teacher (Helena Blake) where they will have a chance to improve their basic skills alongside the Year 6 curriculum.

### MATHS

This term in Maths we will be studying the following areas:- place value and rounding, multiplication and division, mental calculations, problems involving money and measures, strategies for checking results, fractions, decimals and percentages, addition and subtraction and the study of properties of shape. Added to this we will be focusing on the thinking and reasoning skills used in maths in order to help the children become more independent in the application of this subject.

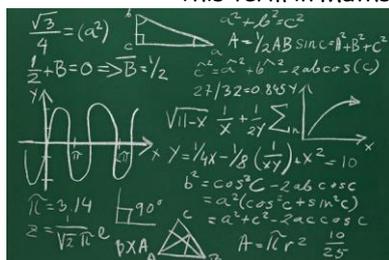
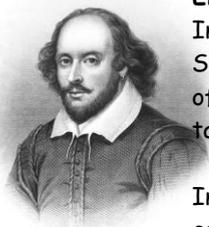
If your child needs extra support with numeracy, then they will be working in a small group each day with a third teacher (Karyn Bird) where they will have a chance to improve their basic skills alongside the Year 6 curriculum.

### SCIENCE

Science lessons this term will be focussed on:- evolution and inheritance, adaptation and fossilisation. As part of this programme we will be carrying out fair tests in all the topics

### TOPIC/ BLACK HISTORY

In Humanities we will study Britain Since 1930 from a local perspective. We will examine what life was like in London in the 1930s. This will include some background information on the British Empire, its collapse and the forming of the United Nations, immigration and various aspect of the



Homefront. This project will be linked to our Black History musical production which is focussed on immigration and the community that developed around Draughtboard Alley in the Docklands.

After half term we will study Ancient Egypt. This will include a geographical study of Egypt's position on the world map and the importance of The Nile River, the three Main seasons and their effect on the economy and food production, the Pharaohs Including famous pharaohs like Tutankhamun, burial customs and practices, famous Gods and Everyday life for ordinary Egyptians.

### **ART AND DESIGN**

In Art and Design we will be focussing on some key skills for drawing and painting. The children will be creating their own propaganda posters linked with the Homefront local history project. Added to this the children will work using cardboard collage to create images of London over time.

### **COMPUTING**

In computing, the children will focus on coding programmes and will create their own games by using algorithms created on Discovery Education software. They will create a program or app and will evaluate their own work and progress. This software is available to use on any computers so, if you have access, please help your child by visiting the website and continuing your child's progress at home. Please speak to your child's teacher for log in details.

### **RE**

Religious Education is now a Core Curriculum subject and the children will continue to learn from and about religion in the same way as they have previously. They will consider the questions: Why do some people believe God exists? Can we live by the values of Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? These lessons will be discussion and enquiry-based.

### **PE**

PE will take place on Friday for both classes and this term's focus will be football and hockey. Please make sure your child is equipped with a pair of trainers or gym shoes and tracksuit bottoms or shorts. Swimming will take place on Thursdays for pupils who have not yet passed their 25m. There will also be weekly gala session for the advanced swimmers. This is a required part of the National Curriculum for all pupils until they have passed the 25m test and as such if your child is to miss a session, we require a letter from your doctor stating a valid reason. As well as excellent exercise, swimming builds confidence and can save lives. Please no jewellery and if your child has long hair please provide a hair band or swimming hat.

### **FRENCH**

Maggie, our specialist French teacher will teach the children French. Children will be learning to describe their hobbies and they will be expressing opinions and looking at how verbs work, in French. Children will learn how to talk about family, descriptions, order food in a restaurant, parts of the body, aches and pain, and give their opinion about school subjects in French, across the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

If you have financial problems regarding the cost of trips please come and talk to either Rodney, Andy or Anna and perhaps we can help. Please do not keep your child at home since these trips are essential to their learning.

Finally, should you have any queries or want to discuss your child's progress with us at any time please send a note and we can usually offer you an appointment within a couple of days. Added to this please feel welcome to come into school at any time and look at classroom and hall displays etc.

Nothing motivates your child more than your interest.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening in October.

Rodney Polydore   Andy Young   Karyn Bird   Helena Blake   Bea Symes   Anna Sutton