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Welcome to Class Avocet

Dear Parents,

Our topic this term is *Crime and Punishment*. It covers an extended period from 1066 to the present and we will investigate whether punishment has always fitted the crime.

In English, we will cover poetry, non-fiction and narrative texts. The class will be looking at a classic text, *Treasure Island* and the classic narrative poem, *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. The children will revise and learn about subordinate and main clauses and select the order of clauses for effect. We will also study how cohesion is used across and within paragraphs. Through the vehicle of narrative, the children will learn to develop their skills of character description further by using action and speech and develop interesting, engaging plots.

Weekly spellings tests will continue and they will include five words from direct teaching and five words from the year 5/6 statutory word list. The children will need to learn these and revise from them so they will be ready for the SATs spelling paper. In reading, the children will continue working on their own reading programme with the intention of completing a reading award each term. Regular reading is the key to success in both comprehension and writing activities not just for the end of key stage 2 but as preparation for the work in the next key stage. It is important that they be encouraged to read a variety of genres and authors and record their responses to the books they have read in their reading journal. I would encourage them to read aloud to an adult as much as possible over the next three terms in order to practise fluency, expression, to build their vocabulary and to give them an opportunity to discuss the books they have read. During guided reading, the children will be immersing themselves into a range of texts and answering questions to develop various skills such as author's use of presentation; discussing inference; structural organisation and understanding language and its effects.

In mathematics, the children will revise and learn to read, write, order and compare numbers to 10,000,000. They will work on rounding any whole numbers and use negative numbers in context. The class will continue the weekly sessions on the four calculations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to calculate large numbers and solve problems. They will compare, order and calculate with fractions and mixed numbers as well as recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages. They will be converting between imperial and metric units in length, mass and volume.

The science topic for this term are all living things and their habitats, animals including humans and a sustainability project looking at the carbon cycle.

In Geography, Class Avocet will be looking at the position and significance of latitude and longitude, the equator, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. They will be expected to be able to locate the main countries in Africa, Asia and Australasia/ Oceania on a world map and to identify their main environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics and major cities.

In Art, the class will be extending their drawing and painting skills. They will have the opportunity to work with textiles for the Christmas mobile project. In Design Technology, the class will design and make a secure money box linking to their work on the poem, The Highwayman

In Computing, we will start by looking at E-safety: we will be exploring the dangers of using the internet and how to stay safe. The class will explore how data is transferred over the internet and find out about data packets and explore how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration.

In Physical Education we will focus on dance and gymnastics. The external coach will be covering rugby skills for outside games.

In Religious Education the class will be looking at Sikhism and Christianity whilst in personal, social and health education we will look at feelings and relationships where they will learn to recognise, understand, handle and appropriately express emotions and to recognise that relationships are an integral part of any human's life.

On Wednesday 20th September at 3.45pm I will be holding a meeting regarding the planned school journey for the summer term which I hope you will be able to attend.

Finally, should you have any concerns about your child's learning please feel free to arrange to discuss this with me. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marsland