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Class Newsletter

Summer Term—History of Hackney

Year 6

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History of Hackney: Hoxton and Shoreditch

In Year 6, our English, History and Geography learning will have a strong Hackney theme. In a nice connection with last term's writing on the British Countryside, we will be reading Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare. The Lambs were Hackney residents and good friends with Wordsworth and Coleridge. And Hackney's link with Shakespeare is the Curtain Theatre which was built in Shoreditch and became the premier venue of Shakespeare's company in 1597. We will be discovering lots more of Hackney's history and heritage.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED).

This term we will learn about and consider:

- Strategies for coping with big transitions and how we can help each other answer questions and overcome anxieties.
- Values such as Life-long Learning, Safety and Neighbourliness. We will continue to work on confidence and posture when making presentations and acting in role during drama productions.

English

Reading: In Year 6 we read books at our instructional level every day in Guided Reading. We also explore reading strategies in our comprehension lessons and use the Hackney Reading Roadmap for reading for pleasure. We will practise how to efficiently answer retrieval, clarifying and inference questions. We will continue to expand our vocabularies.

Writing: We will analyse texts in terms of audience, purpose and form/genre, and we will use this knowledge in our own compositions. We will work through the writing process—reading examples, analysing features, drafting, redrafting and publishing to make our own texts across a range of genres.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: We will learn about the subjunctive mood and how to use it. We will use inverted commas, commas for clarity, and punctuation for parenthesis and make use of semi-colons, dashes, colons and hyphens in our writing.

Mathematics

Number: We will continue to practise arithmetic strategies using the 4 operations. We will calculate with fractions, decimal numbers and percentages. We will continue to practise solving multistep reasoning problems.

Shape, Space and Measure: We will revise work on 2D and 3D shapes and re-visit using protractors to accurately measure angles. We will analyse data in Pie Charts, Line Graphs and Bar Charts. We will solve geometry problems using our knowledge of angles and the properties of various shapes.



Religious Education (RE)

Lent and Easter

We will study **Christianity** and learn:

- To make connections between Jesus' teachings, events from his life, and the Christian belief that God is loving and forgiving e.g. teachings: the Lord's Prayer; parables: the Prodigal Son, the Lost Sheep; events: the Nativity, Easter.
- To make connections between stories Jesus told and events from his life, and Christian beliefs that people should love and serve others e.g. the Good Samaritan; Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

Science

In Science, we will learn about Electricity. We will learn and understand key terminology such as **voltage** and **current**; we will build, test and evaluate series and parallel circuits.

Geography

We will use maps and atlases to explore areas of Hackney, especially Hoxton and Shoreditch. We will learn about the physical and human geography of Hackney and how these have changed over time.

Physical Education (PE)

Invasion Games (Wednesday) and Taekwondo (Monday). We will be learning:

- To move in ways to successfully pass to a teammate.
- To move in ways to successfully receive a pass from a teammate.
- To further increase skill and confidence at pivoting and turning.
- To improve our strength and balance.
- To increase flexibility and agility.



Design and Technology

We will be researching (through our Geography and History learning) some of the key landmarks of Hoxton and Shoreditch. We will then use various materials to construct model buildings which will form a 3-dimensional map of an area of interest related to our research.

Reminders

PE will be on Monday and Wednesday. Please remind your child to bring sports shoes, shorts and T-shirt.



Homework is given out each **Friday** and is to be returned by the **following Wednesday**. It will normally consist of a Maths task, English task and Spelling.



Reading: It is important that your child continues to read every day at home. Please make time to listen to your child read and chat with them about their current book. You could ask your child to **summarise** what they have read so far e.g. *What are the 3 essential points we need to remember about this chapter? Can you summarise that chapter in a sentence, no more than 15 words long?*



Encourage your child to read a wide range of genres: magazines, newspapers, recipe books, graphic novels etc. Quiz your child on their **Times Tables daily**. Remind them to bring their book on Wednesdays for Big Read! Ask them about the Hackney Reading Roadmap.



Sleep: A good night's sleep is essential for the brain to store the day's learning. **Phones/iPads in the bedroom can have a negative impact on sleep—it's best to keep them in another room.**



Punctuality: It is vital that children get into good time-keeping habits. The more time in school, the better their learning outcomes will be.

Mr Lambkin and Miss Yates will be out of class on Monday mornings. During this time, the class will take part in Music, Mandarin, Dancing & Drumming and Taekwondo lessons.

Thank you in anticipation of your support this term.