**Key Events / Dates**

* Fri 4th Nov Dairy Council Food and Fitness Programme.
* Wed 16th Nov Launch of Fractions DVD for Yr5 and 6 parents at 7:30pm.
* Fri 25th Nov Parent Teacher Meetings.
* Mon 5th Dec Mr McGlinchey’s class visit library.
* Tues 6th Dec Mrs Quinn’s class visit library.
* Mon 12th Dec Year 6 Christmas show at 11:00am.

After school activity Year 6 Nov/Dec - Tennis

**Topics**

All Topics are cross curricular to enable pupils to connect their learning.

Nov/Dec – **Further Work On Our Locality**

**Numeracy**

**Mental Maths**:Add a 2-digit multiple of 10 to a 2-digit number and vice versa bridging through the hundred (78 + 60, 80 + 63). Add two 3 digit multiples of 10 without bridging 100 (340 + 420). Find difference between two 3 digit numbers which are close (678 – 672).

**Number:** Use long multiplication when problem solving. Divide th,h,t,u by tu.

**Shape and Space:** Develop a formula for calculating the area of squares and rectangles. Develop a formula, through practical activities, for the area of right angled triangles.

Using all previous knowledge find the area of composite shapes. Estimate and measure larger areas using the square metre. Calculate the perimeter of regular irregular shapes,

**How To Help Your Child**

* Be Positive and encourage your child by showing an interest in their work.
* Praise always helps, at any age.
* Listen to your child reading aloud–talk about the story and meanings of any difficult words phrases etc. sign and comment in the Reading Record.
* Practice mental maths skills with pupils at all opportunities - E.g. Tables games, fast recall of number facts, rounding prices when shopping, calculating totals and change.
* Help pupils to research topics through search engines. reference books, visiting the Library and sharing personal experiences.

**Literacy**

**Reading**: Pupils will read and discuss Home Reading books and Guided Reading books in class. Focus this half term will be on Non-Fiction books.

The Class Novel is: The Wreck of The Zanzibar. Accelerated Reading books will be available from class library and resource area. Silent Reading will be encouraged every day.

**Grammar:** Pupils will focus on: Punctuation, verbs, and commas for lists and within contractions.

**Writing:**  Narrative Writing, Haiku poems and persuasive writing in the form of an advertisement.

**Handwriting:** Pupils will focus on developing a legible and swift style of joined writing, presenting good layout and evaluating their work.

**ICT**

Children will use a spreadsheet to investigate the area and perimeter of squares and rectangles. Pupils will use Scratch to create a project based on events within their class novel. Pupils will use Publisher to design a leaflet advertising their area.

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**What should I do if my child is having a problem?**

* Contact class teacher by note /phone.
* Contact School / Principal
* Parents can maintain contact with the teacher through the homework diary or arrange an appointment through the office staff.
* All queries will be responded to promptly.

**Homework**

Homework activities will be written on the board and pupils will record their homework in HW notebook, where parents and teachers can write any notes/concerns.

Reading Record to be maintained each week - parental contribution welcome.

Spellings/Tables Mon to Thurs. for assessments on Fri.