



Donington on Bain Primary School

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Class 4 Summer Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 6 and the last term of this school year. We hope you have all had a restful and relaxing half term. Please find below the curriculum and home learning expectations for the next few weeks. This is an incredibly important term for ensuring the children are ready for the next stage in their education, whether it is moving up into Year 6 or leaving Donington on Bain and moving onto secondary school.

Our Topic this term will continue to be **Maafa**.

Our **Geography** will revise the features of Earth, time zones and lines of latitude and longitude to pinpoint places on a map. We will find out more about map scales, grid references, contour lines and map symbols. We will learn about climate change and the importance of global trade, and study patterns of human settlements, including conducting an enquiry to describe local settlement patterns.

In **History**, we will be studying Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. We will trace the development of the slave trade and explore Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.

In **Science** we are studying the circulatory system. This project teaches children about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. They will learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body. We will also be exploring the changes experienced during puberty and human reproduction.

In **Art and DT**, we will be exploring Trailblazers and Barrier Breakers. This project teaches children about significant black artists and their work, and provides opportunities to analyse and create artwork inspired by them.

In **Music**, we will be exploring the music of South and West Africa and understand how call and response is an important feature of African music.

In **Computing**, we will be learning about how we can navigate the internet in an informed, safe and respectful way. We will also be developing skills using the Microbits as a way to programme.

In **French**, we will be revising key vocabulary and phrases we have learnt over the course of the year to consolidate skills, pronunciation and grammatical understanding.

In **RE**, we will be looking at the similarities and differences between Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism with a focus on their similarities and differences and the importance of belief for different people, including ourselves.



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PE and Nature School days are Mondays and Tuesdays.

Children should come to school in their school PE kits on both days and dressed appropriately for Nature School, including wellies, long-legged trousers or leggings and spare socks.

Our next session of Nature School is on 29th June and the focus for PE this term is rounders.

Year 6 also start 6 weeks of swimming lessons starting on Tuesday 2nd June.

English – our stimulus for learning this term will be The Eye of the Storm, The Catch and The Piano. We will be writing character descriptions within different settings and moving the action along through atmosphere and dialogue. We will be planning explicitly for dialogue and then integrating it within our writing. We will also be writing a mixture of formal and informal pieces to ensure that we have cohesion between and within paragraphs. We will be writing a portal story and looking at how we can use the full range of Key Stage 2 punctuation to enhance our writing. We will also be improving our reading stamina and skills for comprehension to develop our fluency and ability to read a range of text types.

Maths – our focus for this term will be to consolidate a range of skills within number and the four operations. We will be adding and subtracting with increasingly large numbers and multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by two digits. We will be revisiting fractions to ensure we are confident with the four operations within fractions, decimals and percentages. In line with National Curriculum requirements, we will be ensuring times table knowledge is strong, developing speed and stamina with the recall of the multiplication and division facts associated with these.

Home Learning

Please support your child through the following activities at home:

- **Regular reading at home** – short daily sessions, and a minimum of three times every week is a vital part of children developing stamina and fluency in reading. Please record all reading in the reading record provided. Children will be heard read by an adult in school at least weekly and this will also be acknowledged in their reading record. If you would like any support with this, please ask.
- **Regular spelling practice** – spelling lists will be given for children to bring home, and children should be encouraged to practise their spellings at home, including all the Key Stage 2 statutory and common exception words.
- **Regular times tables practice** – short, frequent sessions have been proven to be the best way to learn and remember known number facts. Children should be on TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) regularly and practice should be encouraged at home.
- **A long-term homework project** will also be set each term. Children should complete this as part of their homework and bring it to school towards the end of the term to present in class.

Homework Project Term 6: Create a montage.

It is nearly the end of the year – and what a busy one it has been!

Create a PowerPoint, picture, poem, artwork, collage or other masterpiece of your favourite parts of the year. Year 6 can choose to create something that reminds them of their whole time at Donington on Bain. You could include photographs, drawings, models, writing, anything you would like to, to create a memory montage of your school year. Due in the week of 13th July.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We are looking forward to a busy term and continuing to work together to support every child's learning.

Kind regards

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