

# Class 6 Curriculum Update

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Values: Unity and Friendship

The children have all made a great start to the year and we are delighted with the progress and determination that they have already shown in meeting the challenges and opportunities that they have been given.

### **Madley Enterprise**

For our theme this term, we are thinking about what it means to be a business. The class have been split up into five small groups with each one having a different type business. Each group has already decided on their company name, the business ethics that they want to abide by, and what they want to produce.

During a fantastic “branding” workshop with Mark White for Pizza hut, each group created a mood board with their ideas on how they are going to attract customers and later this week, David Cash, a Director with Barclays Bank, will be advising the children on business finance and how to put a realistic business plan together before they face a “Dragons Den” scenario.

Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunity to meet a number of different entrepreneurs and business managers, either in school or during small group visits. These visits started last week with a fascinating morning at Madley Plants, where Michelle Blackmore shared some of her experiences of setting up a business in Madley and one group also visited Certainly Wood in Lulham, coming away with a greater understanding of how to develop products for specific customers. Indeed, all of the visits give the children a wonderful opportunity to develop their awareness of what it takes for a business to succeed and to gain ideas for their own enterprise groups and we are very grateful for the support of all those involved with the project.



### **Parent helpers and support**

Whilst it is important that the children understand the hard work that is involved in making their products, if you are able to assist them in any way either in school or from home, with sewing, baking, crafts or woodwork, then please let me know. We would also ask that you do not “buy” materials specifically for the groups as they need to realise the true cost of their products, however donations, such as those that we have already requested, are very much appreciated.

### "The Tempest"

We are delighted to have the opportunity to perform this wonderful play, at the Courtyard on **the 11<sup>th</sup> November**, as part of the "Shakespeare in Schools" festival.

The children have all been involved in writing their own adaptation of the story and are now busy rehearsing as much they possibly can. Please encourage your child to learn their lines as needed and don't forget to book your tickets for this unique interpretation and experience.

### Homework

Homework is important for practicing and applying the skills that are being developed in school. Weekly homework will therefore be given on a Monday to be handed in on Friday.

**Maths** – a sheet of maths questions that will allow the children to practice arithmetic skills.

**English** – this may be a grammar activity to practice a skill, a spelling focus or, occasionally, a longer writing task.

If your child is unable to complete their homework or needs additional time, please encourage them to attend homework club, which takes place every Wednesday lunchtime.

### PE

Year 6 will be doing PE on Tuesday afternoons and Two Face Dance as part of their Friday afternoon projects. It is important though that the children have the correct PE kit in school every day as the timetable may change or we may have an extra lesson.

### 40 Reads

Can we improve on the number of children achieving their 40, 80 and 120 reads compared to when they were in Year 5? The children are responsible for keeping their own reading record, but we would ask that parents sign to say the children have completed at least 20 minutes, ideally four or more times a week.

### Y6 October dates for the diary

**3rd** – visit from David Cash (Barclays Bank)

**8th** – group visit to Brightwells Auction

**10<sup>th</sup>** – group visit to Border Office in Hereford

**14<sup>th</sup>** – group visit to St Michaels Hospice & shop

(I will let the children know which visit they are going on and what they will need to have with them and will send a parent mail as required nearer to the time.)



*Building resilience is a key part of life at Madley and this was certainly demonstrated by all of the children during the first week of term, especially during the two days at Longtown, and has continued to be shown in class ever since- well done to all and long may it continue!*

*Hopefully, the children are as excited about their journey into Year 6 as we are*

*to be working with them. If, however, you do have any concerns or if your child expresses any concerns, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can try to alleviate them.*

*From Mrs Lacey, Mr Batstone and the Year 6 Team.*