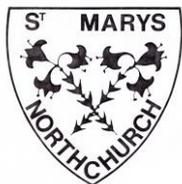


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November 2016 - **Year 6 Curriculum Letter Autumn 2nd Half Term 2016-17**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great half term and everyone is coming back with renewed energy.

As the year 6 tests are our main concern this forthcoming year, we are really concentrating on our Maths and English learning. This half term in Maths we are using all 4 calculations and their mental and formal methods, using integers, decimals and negative numbers. Within this context we will be working with money and measurements. We will also learn about shapes, angles and problem solving.

In English we will re-visit recounts, instructions, explanations and poetry as well as extending our grammar, punctuation and spelling knowledge.

In Science this half term, we will be looking at the topic 'Electricity'.

We will be:

- Investigating a range of simple electric circuit challenges.
- Investigating the effects of voltage and number of components on a working circuit Explore resistance through the use of various components.
- Drawing circuit diagrams
- Designing and creating a light decoration circuit

In RE, the children will be continuing to explore ideas within Buddhism, focusing on how Buddhists try to follow the Buddha's example in a modern world. They will also be studying the differences between a sacred and secular Christmas and will be debating if Christmas should be banned for non-Christians!

The children will of course carry on with the Game On PE lesson, as well as being taught music by Herts Music Service. Computing as well as Art will be incorporated into our topic and Science work. Our topic this term is Geography based and we will be looking at the geographical features of the United Kingdom. In PSHE our school value is Friendship and our SEAL theme is 'Getting on and falling out'. We will carry on exploring the Growth Mindset and incorporate this philosophy into all our lessons.

Please ensure your child has a replenished pencil case for this half term, and that painting shirts and PE kits are in school at all times! As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or about anything else, please don't hesitate to ask!

Kind regards,

Mrs Dobbs