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Dear Parents

As you are aware we like to send out curriculum newsletters at the start of each term to ensure that you are aware of what your child will be learning over the weeks that they are in school. We hope that this allows you to support your child in their learning and helps you to appreciate the progress that they make across the broader curriculum and not just the heavy focus that is placed upon Numeracy and Literacy.

As part of our new whole school improvement plan and in line with our own Ofsted requirements the upper phase (Years 5 and 6) are implementing a creative curriculum. We will be having a different topic and theme each half term linked to the National Curriculum requirements that are statutory for each school. We hope that this new curriculum will help learners to:

Increase motivation, enthusiasm and engagement in learning.

Make learning more meaningful by putting it in to context.

Raise standards in teaching and learning.

Promote greater independence and ownership of learning.

The children will still be accessing each of the subject areas taught so far but will do it by using the following learning areas;

Science and Technology – (Science, ICT, DT)

Literacy, Language and Oracy – (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening)

Physical and Emotional Education – (PE, Games, PSHE, SEAL)

Arts, Creativity and Innovation – (Dance, Music, Art)

Belief and Citizenship – (RE, PSHE, SEAL)

Time and Place – (History, Geography)

Mathematics – (Numeracy, Enterprise)

This half term the theme in Year 6 will be 'Journeys' which will be launched next week with a walk to Clent.

We feel that this approach to the curriculum will really help to move children forward in their learning. Please feel free to contact us regarding any questions that you may have. The policy for the creative curriculum will be available on the school website by the end of the week should you want to find out more.

Yours sincerely

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