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	<p><b>Homework</b></p>	<p><u>Set on a Wednesday and collected in on a Tuesday (Dojos are awarded for an early hand in)</u></p> <p><u>English:</u> The children will be set a grammar worksheet linking into gaps identified. Each week, the children receive a list of up to 10 words which will focus on practising spelling rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Weekly spelling tests take place on Wednesdays.</b></li> <li>→ <b>Please make sure regular practice takes place at home.</b></li> <li>→ <b>The children are provided with 'Look, cover, write, check' sheets to aid practice.</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Maths:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A half arithmetic maths practise SATs paper will be sent home weekly.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reading:</u> <i>Children should read for a minimum of ten minutes every evening.</i></p>
	<p><b>Reading for Pleasure</b></p>	<p>This half term we will be reading 'Thief' by Malorie Blackman</p>
	<p><b>Writing</b></p>	<p>The writing focus will continue with Stories from the Windrush. We will also be focusing on narrative writing, using words to show and not tell.</p>
	<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p>This half term the children will be learning about ratio and proportion, algebra, decimals and percentages.</p>
	<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p>For Spring 1 our topic is title: Galilee to Jerusalem. The central theme is Jesus. The question posed to Peter 'Who do you say I am' is the question that links all the work. We come to know who Jesus is through the eyes of the Gospel writers: they share what Jesus did and said.</p>
	<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>Living things and their habitats will be our focus. The children will be able to describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals.</p>

	<b>History</b>	<p>This half term the children will be looking at Teignmouth through the ages. The children will be researching and understanding how Teignmouth changed during the Victorian era, World War II and comparisons to the modern day.</p>
	<b>Art</b>	<p>The focus is '<b>drawing</b>' with a focus on abstract art using their portrait. The children will be able to analyse and critique the work of an artist. They will then zoom in on an aspect of the human face using shading and hatching to create a meaningful portrait influenced by abstract artists.</p>
	<b>RHE</b>	<p>This half term the children will learn about stereotypes in the workplace and that a person's career aspirations should not be limited by them. Some jobs are paid more than others and money is one factor which may influence a person's job or career choice; people may choose to do unpaid voluntary work</p>
	<b>PE</b>	<p>PE lessons will be held on Tuesdays and taught by the class teacher, the focus for this half term is fitness. On Fridays, the children will be taught by a Premier Sports coach. The focus this half term is gymnastics.</p> <p><b>Make sure / check your child brings in their PE kit each week. Please make sure it is labelled with their name and surname.</b></p>
	<b>Computing</b>	<p>The children will be learning about programming. They will learn how to decompose a program into an algorithm and learn how to write algorithms for a purpose. The children will learn how to debug quickly and effectively to make a program more efficient.</p>
	<b>Teacher contact:</b>	<p><i>Class 6 Dojo Page.</i>  <i>We will regularly update Dojo with reminders and information about the class. Please do not hesitate to use this platform to communicate with either one of us.</i>  <i>Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30 am - 3.15 pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office <a href="mailto:office@olsp.uk">office@olsp.uk</a> during the school day.</i>  <i>There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to emails or class dojo messages received after 6 pm or at the weekend.</i></p>

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us should you have any questions or concerns.

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