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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to back to school! I hope you enjoyed the summer holiday. I am so looking forward to working with this class, seeing them overcome challenges and flourish at the top of the school.

Our first topic this year is 'Lights, Camera, Action!' a creative arts based topic taking us back in time and across our wonderful city of London. We have so many exciting things to learn about and the children are already very engaged, particularly in the idea of learning about many of the aspects of showmanship!

To kick off our new Topics, alongside our normal topic letter we will also be sending home a 'Topic snapshot'. This snapshot should be a useful introduction to the key learning throughout this term. It would be great if you could discuss the key facts with your child and help them to become familiar with the vocabulary etc. You could keep it on the fridge to refer back to throughout their learning this term!

Our 'Lights, Camera, Action!' topic combines elements of History and Geography with the creative arts such as Dance, Drama and Art, in a really exciting way. We will be delving back in time to Shakespearian London and exploring historical landmarks in our city. We will learn about similarities and differences in how people were entertained back then, compared to now. We will find out about key figures who have influenced entertainment throughout history and creating our own healthy movie snacks in DT.

In English, we are starting our topic with 'Old Possum's book of Practical Cats', combining elements of music and drama with our poetic writing. We will be learning about Shakespearian tales, leading on to our own play script writing, giving the reader an insight into the characters through stage directions, later this term. We will explore themes, setting, character and events through drama and role play. We will be learning how to research key figures and develop our non-fiction writing through biographies and autobiographies.

In Maths, we will continue to follow the National Mathematics Framework, building on understanding of written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, so that the children can solve problems using larger numbers and multiple steps. We will be continuing developing our reasoning in mathematics this term, proving our answers and applying knowledge in different contexts. We will continue to revise and cement our times tables, playing games and carrying out regular speed tests.

This term the children will be creating various art, with a focus on shadow artwork, linking with our Science and our theatrical topic. We will explore known shadow artists and how they create their pieces

and then create our own. We will also be exploring using different medium to make artworks linked with our topic, such as silhouette art and costume design.

In Science we will be looking at Electricity and Light. We will explore different types of circuits and the use of different voltages. The children will be applying their knowledge to electrical investigations and designing, building and evaluating their own miniature shadow theatres, with a puppet display to perform play scripts they will have written.

In Music this term, the children will be learning songs that relate to our 'Lights, Camera, Action' topic. They will be developing their composition skills and knowledge of musical notation.

In computing lessons the children will be working on own movie trailers and silent films. This work will be supported by a trip to the CLC later in the term.

In Religious Education we will be exploring the Bible, as part of our work on Christianity. We will be finding out the key messages, why it is important to people and how different people use the Bible in their lives. In P.S.H.E we will be thinking about what makes a good friend and citizen, then moving on to explore the importance of positive body image.

In P.E. children will be doing games with their coach. They will also be continuing to develop their swimming skills in their weekly sessions.

Home learning will be ongoing in year 6. Please help your child to remember to bring their home learning journal in every week and continue to support your child with their home learning.

Year 6 will have great support from other adults this term too. We are very lucky to have Sue, Annie, Candice, Fatima and Anna working with the class.

Some important dates

Tuesday 10th September- Class meeting

Thursday 3rd October - Year 6 class tea

Monday 21st October- Half term begins

I will send a letter detailing trips nearer the time. Any offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to discuss anything with me, please do not hesitate to contact me or come in for an informal chat after school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Oona Matheson

