Friday 29th September 2023

**2023-2024: Year 6 Curriculum Enhancements**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Autumn Term- Rainforests Topic**

This term, our Year 6 big question is ‘What’s the matter with Capuchin?’ We will spend the term exploring the rainforests of the world, with a particular focus on The Amazon Rainforest. Our aim is to find out some of the major problems that the rainforest and its inhabitants are facing.

Unfortunately, the Amazon Rainforest is a little too far for us to visit on a school trip so instead we are going to experience it from the comfort of our classroom! On **Friday 3rd November**, we will welcome into school a VR company to enable us to immerse ourselves into what life is really like in the rainforest. We will explore each layer of the rainforest and will come face to face with some of the animals that live there. Not only will this support our Geography and Science curriculum, it will support our descriptive writing in English too. To make a full day out of this experience, we will also be welcoming an artist into school to work with us on creating some collaborative, John Dyer inspired paintings. It is our hope that the ‘walk around the rainforest’ will inspire children’s art work.

**Spring Term- Vikings and Anglo-Saxons**

To further enhance our learning and outcomes for this topic, we are excited to announce that we have the opportunity to spend the day with a Viking. On **Monday 15th January,** Olaf the Viking will come into school to tell us more about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England. We will brave an ocean storm, sleep on a creaking longship, haggle in the marketplace and undertake a series of challenges to test our speed, strength and skill, to become a true young warrior. The day will end with sagas around a ‘crackling fire’.‍

**Summer Term – The History and Geography of Saltaire**

During the summer term, we are going to use our local environment and all of the super, **free** things we have on our doorstep. We will be taking a trip to Hirstwood and Roberts Park, as well as a walk round Saltaire, imagining what life would have been like when Sir Titus Salt first made this area his own. (Dates TBC)

All of the experiences above will greatly support our Year 6 Reading and Writing as it will give us opportunities to draw inferences, explore atmosphere and will provide us with new vocabulary. In order for all of these exciting events to take place, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £23 per child in total, for **ALL** activities. Please use the Parent Pay system to consent to your child taking part and make your contributions by **Monday 16th October 2023**. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, the events may not be able to go ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Brodrick and Mr R Brigstock