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**SUMMER HALF TERMLY LETTER – YEAR 5 – MISS GREEN**

TOPIC: GEOGRAPHY FOCUS	LITERACY:	NUMERACY:	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
<p>We will be spending the first couple of weeks completing our gruesome Aztec project, and discovering how the Aztec Empire met its end.</p> <p>Following that, we will be starting our brand new geography project. We will be learning about rivers and water; examining the river from source to mouth; the different features of rivers; how we use rivers; and a recap of the water cycle. We will be looking at where our water comes from and where it goes, and children will undertake a mini-project for homework over several weeks, studying a particular river of their choice.</p> <p>We have also organised a fantastic field trip after half term, booked for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This trip will take place on the Richmond Venturer, a stationary boat based at Teddington Lock – details to follow after half term!</p> <p><b>DIARY DATES:</b>            19/04/10: INSET day            20/04/10: Children return to school            27/04/10: Maths Open Morning            06/05/10: Creative Day            24/05/10: Year 6 on School Journey            31/05/10: Half term            07/06/10: Back to school!</p>	<p><b>TEXT LEVEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The children will be studying the conventions of instructional texts, and learning how to write instructional texts of their own.</li> <li>We will approach this through a series of practical tasks, correcting and improving examples, and hopefully, some filming too.</li> <li>Later in the term we will be examining examples of older literature and stories from other cultures.</li> </ul> <p><b>SENTENCE LEVEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning to change writing style to suit different audiences</li> <li>Continuing to practice creating meaningful sentences that make sense grammatically.</li> <li>Continuing to practice using punctuation correctly, and using it deliberately for effect. (Much homework will relate to this)</li> </ul> <p><b>WORD LEVEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the use of imperative verbs.</li> <li>Understanding 'old-fashioned' phrases and meanings.</li> <li>Looking at how words are spelt, used and pronounced differently in other cultures.</li> <li>Children will be learning spelling rules and learning them for weekly spelling tests (on Wednesdays).</li> </ul>	<p>This half term we will be covering Block A3 and Block B3 of the Numeracy Framework, building on counting and partitioning techniques (to aid mental methods) and calculating techniques, and consolidating understanding shape. There will particular emphasis on 'real-life' word problems to aid understanding and prepare for test-style questions.</p> <p>This will continue to be supplemented by weekly mental maths tests and booster groups with additional teachers. Homework will be worksheet based and will reflect the topic studied during the week.</p> <p><b>OTHER AREAS:</b>  <b>SCIENCE</b> – The children will be studying Earth, Sun and Moon this half term.  <b>I.C.T.</b> – Using internet searches to improve Power Point presentations.  <b>R.E.</b> – The children will be learning about the Sacred Books of many religions, what they are called and what they mean to people.  <b>P.E.</b> – Indoor P.E. on <b>Monday</b> (how to play rounders) and outdoor P.E. on <b>Thursday</b> (athletics). P.E. kits should consist of a <b>change</b> of T-shirt, shorts/tracksuit trousers, socks and extra trainers. Without PE kits children will be <b>unable to play</b>.  <b>Art</b> – Using various materials to try out the techniques of artists like Monet, who painted water scenes.</p>	<p><b>HOMEWORK:</b>            All homework is given out on a Friday and needs to be in on a Wednesday. If your child needs more time to complete their work, or needs something explained to them, they are welcome to come and ask me at any time BEFORE the deadline! I will always give extra time and help for those who ask. During this half term I will be continuing to run a homework club on Monday lunchtimes for those who would like some help.</p> <p>I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break, and look forward to some more sunny weather this term...hopefully!</p> <p>Class Assembly date TBA.</p> <p>Best wishes,</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p>