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Y6 Edith Cavell Class Information

Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our 'Big Question' for this term is 'What is the Worth of Water?' and our focus will be upon the themes of adversity, Stewardship and Sustainability. Our main curriculum focus will be upon geography. We will be exploring world journeys, remarkable islands, world wonders, settlements and migration with a specific focus on Central and South America.

Before half-term, our learning journey will see us study the life, adventures and scientific work of Charles Darwin. We will be using the text 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin for our reading and to inspire our writing. This will link with our science topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance' and 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We will also be doing a research project with the Royal Society, Manchester University and our STEM partners.

After half-term we will be reading 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan. It follows the story of **Raphael, a dumpsite boy**. He spends his days wading through mountains of steaming trash, sifting it, sorting it, breathing it, sleeping on it. Then one unlucky-lucky day, the world turns upside down. A small leather bag falls into his hands. It's a bag of clues. It's a bag of hope. It's a bag that will change everything.

The Mayan Empire will be our history focus. They excelled at agriculture, pottery, calendar-making and mathematics. They also left behind an astonishing amount of impressive architecture and symbolic artwork that will be explored in our art sessions.

We will continue to develop our use of computing across the curriculum. Our focus will concentrate upon blogging and quizzing. In RE the children will be learning about Humanism and how they believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion. As Easter approaches our focus shifts to Christianity and how believing in the resurrection could change how Christians view life and death?

Our weekly PE lessons (Wednesday afternoons), will be taught by Callum. Whilst Tuesdays see our DT – Cooking and Nutrition lessons continue with Mrs Yassini. This term's delights are cottage pie and hot cross buns. We will also celebrate Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes with our buddies in EYFS. In music we have been concentrating upon preparing for Young Voices and then we focus on the Samba music of South America. Finally, in PSHE we will be looking at diversity and communities and financial capability.

At the time of writing, there are no educational visits planned for this term. However, we do have STEM workshops planned to take place within school before the Easter break. The class will also have the opportunity to work alongside representatives from Perkins on a 'Green Goblin' kit car over a 15-week period before race season.

Homework will be continued to be handed out on a Friday and will be expected to be completed by the following Thursday. I know it is sometimes hard, but children should be reading as much as possible out of school. We have a wide range of texts in class for the children to borrow, and I often tell the children – the more you read, the better reader you become. I want ALL children to develop a love of reading as well as improve their fluency and comprehension.

Once again, I would like to say a big thank you for all my wonderful Christmas cards and presents– they were very much appreciated. If you have any worries or concerns do not hesitate to contact me at ashaw@elton.cambs.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Shaw