

Topic

Our topic this term is Africa, focussing on a village called Awra Amba in Ethiopia.

Awra Amba is a unique community that has embraced egalitarianism; creating a fair and equal society that continues to thrive.

Further information on Awra Amba can be found here:

<http://www.worldview.org.uk/film/awra-amba>

<http://visitawraamba.com/>

PE



PE lessons are on a **Friday** for Haro Class and a **Monday** for Ob Class. This may change due to unforeseen circumstances. It is

vital that your child has their PE kit at all times. Children must have a change of clothes that they can get dirty (often very dirty!). This needs to **include trainers (not plimsolls or high-tops)**, a light blue plain T-shirt and dark shorts/tracksuit trousers. Warm fleeces/jumpers are **essential** during the winter months, as it is very cold without them! **PE Kit must be different from their daily clothes.**

We are keen that all children participate in PE sessions. If your child is unable to take part, they **must have a note**, otherwise they will be expected to join in.

Maths

This term, we will be covering averages and then moving onto fractions and decimals. As the term moves forward, we will begin to convert between units of measure along with spending a brief amount of time rounding and ordering a range of numbers.

Times tables tests will be help on Tuesdays for bot classes. Your child will have a particular times table to learn and each class is working towards earning a homemade chocolate cake to enjoy! Please encourage your child to rise to the challenge and feel free to test them at any point!

Literacy

This term, we will be basing our Literacy work around our topic of Awra Amba, a community in Ethiopia. We will be practising our speaking and listening skills while writing and presenting information comparing family life in England and in Awra Amba. We will also look at how societies are organised and might even think about writing to Mrs Farr about any improvements that we think could be made to the running of St Ebbe's.

We will also be spending time working on our understanding of different grammatical features and investigating how to use punctuation appropriately.

This term, we have also started daily spelling lessons. These aims to teach strategies so that that children not only learn spellings, but also learn the skills to apply to words they come across in the future.

Science

During Year 6, we try to build on the knowledge that the children have learnt throughout their time at school. This term, science will focus on evolution and inheritance and electricity.

Ob class will begin by focusing inheritance and evolution. They will be looking at how genes are passed down through generations and comparing offspring.

Haro class will begin by exploring how to construct simple series circuits, to help them to answer questions about what happens when they try different components, for example, switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors.

Essential Equipment

Year 6 are expected to take responsibility for belongings brought from home and stationary provided by school.

Protractors, calculators, compasses and other Maths equipment will be available in class as required.

Colouring pencils, pencil sharpeners, a glue stick and a highlighter are useful extras. A pencil case is essential to prevent loss of items.

Please do not bring: Tippex.

Dates for the Diary

January

21st	Debra Kidd evening 7pm—8pm

February

7th	Haro IMPS trip
12th	Woodlands Parent Meeting
14th	Ob IMPS trip
15th	Children break up for half term (3pm)
25th	Back to school.

Woodlands

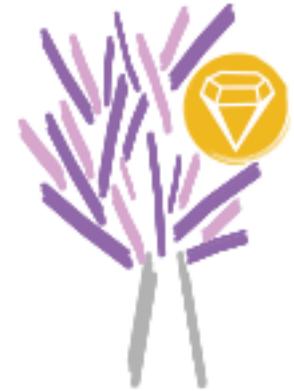
11th March to 15th March 2019

Although Woodlands seems like a long time away, it is important that we know who is planning on coming on our residential and receive the deposits. If you have any concerns or worries about the visit (including financial), please don't hesitate to come to speak to either of the Year 6 teachers.

Tuesday 12th February at 3.30, we will hold a Woodlands parent meeting for you to ask any questions you might have regarding the trip.

If you cannot make this time, please don't worry as we will give the children an information pack including bus times and check list.

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