



Year 6 topic introduction – Fairgrounds!

Dear Parents,

Over the next four weeks, Year 6 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Fairgrounds'. This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects. During this unit we will be focusing on Science, Technology, ICT and International.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- What keeps our feet on the ground
- Other forces that act upon us
- How to identify and measure forces
- How forces act on everyday life
- How to use electricity as a source of power
- Magnetism: how and why magnets work
- How light travels and how we see
- How sound travels and how we hear
- In Technology, we'll be finding out:
 - How to solve problems to understand how everyday objects work
 - How people use technology
 - How to design and make models and games

In ICT, we'll be finding out:

- How to use light and sound sensors
- How to use ICT to control events

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About fairgrounds and theme parks in our host and home countries
- How international agencies are helping to increase energy efficiency and tackle the problems of noise and light pollution
- About international aid agencies and their work

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you. We already know the interest you take in your child's work. To this end, we will be sending home an activity sheet called a 'KWHL grid' for you to complete with your child at home. This is a valuable step to help the child link their school-based learning to the outside world.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.



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By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm.

Many thanks,

The Year 6 Team