



# Year 6 Newsletter

**Autumn Term - Class Teacher Mr Peart**

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Our termly newsletters are designed to give you a guide as to the work that your child will be studying. There are always occasions when some topics take longer than expected or when a news item makes it necessary to adapt our plans, but in general this guide should be quite reliable! Keep an eye out for television programmes, newspaper articles, etc which might be helpful in increasing your child's understanding of these topics.

## Maths

In Maths this term we will be starting by looking at place value and developing our understanding of place value past the decimal point. Then we will move on to looking at sorting numbers and shapes according to their properties, such as types of angles and how many sides are perpendicular or parallel. The next topic we will be looking at includes graphs and charts, we will develop how to interpret the information to solve problems.

Throughout all of the units, emphasis will be put on problem solving. This way the children will be applying their knowledge.

## English

We will start this term by looking at personification poetry, particularly the image it creates in the readers mind. We will then create our own poems. Then we will look at a biography and auto biography unit. After half term we will look at journalistic writing and the last topic before Christmas will be investigating a range of narrative fiction genres.

There will be a big emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar as this will be an area that the children will have a SATs test on in May.

## Science

This first topic of Science will be a unit all about forces, and how they act around the world and in different situations, such as gravity, up thrust and drag. Anything that the children already know and any research that they carry out will be welcomed in class.

The second unit will be based on reversible and irreversible changes. The children will have touched on this through school but we will go in to further detail and address any misconceptions. Alongside this unit we will also look at dissolving.

## Ongoing Work

Children will be provided with a reading book and this should be taken home at the end of each day. Children are encouraged to try and read from their **reading book most nights** in order to continue progressing with their reading skills. Reading records should be signed when the book has been read and comments made in reading records if necessary.

Children will be given homework on a Thursday in order for it to be handed in the following Thursday. As the children are in year 6 they will receive an English and a Maths piece of homework weekly.

Additional homework may be set depending upon where it is needed, and the children will be provided with the information.

Finally every Friday the children will also either be tested on their times tables or receive a mental maths test to help them with the quick recall of mental calculations

## Foundation Subjects

In **Geography**, we will be improving our geographical knowledge by researching South America. In **History** we will be looking at The Mayans. In **R.E** we will be focusing on life as a journey and how you 'come of age' in various religions. Towards Christmas we will study about how Christians prepare for Christmas. **Music** this year will be taught by myself and also a music specialist on a Tuesday afternoon, the children will start by looking at cyclic patterns and how to identify and create them. In **P.E** we will be looking at gymnastics and also choreographing a group dance performance. Mrs Kennedy will be teaching the class **Art/DT** and also **PSHE**. They will start by looking at a sense of place, which will teach the children about identifying the foreground, middle distance and far distance in pictures.

**This is only a summary of some of the work that we shall be doing this term. If you wish to know anything else, or your child is having difficulties of any kind, please do contact school and make an appointment to see me.**