

## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We thought that you may be interested to learn about some of the varied and interesting work planned for the Autumn Term in Year 6.

**English** - We will look in detail at riddles, letters, descriptions, diary entries, balanced arguments, instructions and narratives. As well as these units, we will be carrying on to develop our reading and comprehension skills, and applying our current and new spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge to work in all subjects.

**Maths**- Units we will cover include: number and place value with numbers up to 10,000,000, mental addition and subtraction, fractions, position and direction, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, 2D and 3D shape, money and co-ordinates. In addition to this, we will be continuing with our problem solving and reasoning work, which allows children to apply their maths knowledge, from various areas, to a range of contexts.

**Science** -Our topics this term are 'Animals including Humans' and 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

**Topic** - Our topic for the term is the *Groovy Greeks*. We will be learning about Ancient Greece, the Olympics, Greek Gods and the way Ancient Greeks have influenced modern times. We will link our Geography, History, Art and DT lessons into this topic and we will be cooking a savoury dish.

**I.T.** - We will be developing a range of technology based skills using a range of technology including, computers, laptops, kindles and I-Pads. Our focus this term will be creating ways of storing data, research and being safe when using technology.

**Music** - We will focus on singing and playing instruments with increasing confidence and control. We will develop musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory. Some of our music sessions will develop our Ancient Greek theme. This year we are also very fortunate to have weekly music workshops with an outside specialist Music teacher.

**R.E.** - We will be comparing and contrasting different religions when learning about rites of passage and studying 'What do the gospel stories tell us about Christmas?' in the second half of the term.

**P.E.** - Our topics this term are invasion games and gymnastics. Our lessons will be on **Monday**. Children need their P.E. kit in school from **Monday until Friday** as they may be times when we will have additional P.E. sessions. Please ensure your child's PE kit is labelled with their name.

**P.S.H.E.** - Our personal and social health education lessons will be developed through a variety of ways including topics such as Harvest (Citizenship), Friendship week, Getting on and falling out and E-safety. Year 6 will also be visiting 'Crucial Crew' which involves learning about safety all around us.

**Homework -**

It is really important that spellings are practised daily. Spelling tests will take place every Friday.

Knowing our multiplication tables are really important. In Year 6, children should be able to recall their multiplication tables, and the related division facts, quickly. To help with this, we have weekly times table tests (usually on a Friday) and each week the children will have a certain times table and matching division facts to learn for homework. **Please encourage your child to practise their times tables forward, backwards and randomly.**

In addition to this, please remember that all children have a log on for the 'Times Table Rock Stars' website to encourage children to become fluent in their times tables by competing to beat their own scores, as well as competing against each other and against other schools. We hope that the children see this as fun, rather than homework.

If you would like to discuss any items further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Sawdon & Miss Mead

| Reminders   |  |  |   |   |
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|  <p>All children require a water bottle every day.</p> |  <p>Please ensure any medication your child needs in school has been handed in and is up to date.</p> |  <p>Reading records are due in on <b>Fridays</b>. Children need to read 4 times a week.</p> |  <p>Homework is due in on <b>Wednesdays</b>. Spellings and times tables will be tested on <b>Fridays</b>.</p> |  <p>P.E. is on Monday but kits are required in school Monday-Friday. Please ensure these are labelled.</p> |