

## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 1

### Message from your teacher

Hello parents! Happy New Year! We are so happy to see the children back in school, happy and healthy, after the Christmas break. They have made a great start to their second term in Year 6. This half term is set to be the busiest yet as we continue our preparations for the upcoming SATs. We will be exploring a range of new exciting topics and look forward to seeing the children's fantastic work. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2024!

### Key dates for the Diary

**NSPCC Number Day: Friday 2nd February**

**Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February**

**Half term: Week commencing Monday 12th February**

### Key Information

Your child's PE day is a **Thursday** and they will be learning about **Gymnastics**. Children must have their full PE kit in school and are encouraged to bring in warmer items of clothing this half term e.g. hoodies, tracksuit bottoms etc.

We would like to politely remind parents that our children should be reading their school reading at least **4 times** per week at home. We would love to see entries of books that your child may read for pleasure as it is lovely to see what else they are reading.

We have enjoyed seeing the lovely homework that the children have produced and would like to thank you for your support with this. Please continue to remind your child to practice their spellings on Spelling Shed for at least 15 minutes per day.

### Our learning in Year Six

**Maths:** This half term the children to continue with their work on **Fractions, Decimals and Percentages**, before moving onto studying **Algebra**. The children will continue to have daily Maths Meetings to consolidate their arithmetic skills. It is very important that they are confident with their times tables and their use of the four operations so we would encourage them to practise these at home regularly.

**English:** This half term we are working on a science fiction unit called 'Ruin'. During this unit, we will be looking at how we can use inference skills to help us to gather information before exploring how this can be applied to create an internal monologue. As we did last half term, we will be continuing to explore imagery and how this can be used to effect within writing.

### Other Curriculum Areas



In **Geography** we will be continuing our work on **Biomes**. We will learn about how plants and animals have adapted to their environments and will Discover the wide range of goods and services that can be found in the rainforest. We will gain an understanding of deforestation and will even incorporate some drama into our lessons by recreating the trial of the Brazilian rubber tapper, Chico Mendes.



In **Science** we will continue learning about **Electricity**. We will be carrying out many scientific investigations and will learn how to record our results and evaluate our findings.



This half term our **R.E.** work focuses upon the theme of '**Sources**' where we will explore the Bible in greater detail and learn how to use bible references to locate important bible stories. We will also learn about another faith: **Judaism**.

In **French**, your child is continuing to practise every day conversational French.



In **R.S.H.E** your child will be learning about their bodies and will explore the importance of keeping themselves healthy and safe. We will talk about keeping ourselves and our peers safe online and will produce work about how to maintain positive mental wellbeing.



In **Design Technology** we will continue to study our food and nutrition unit where we will be planning and making our very own vegetable curries. We will look at flavours and dishes from different cultures to inspire our own recipes