

## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2

### Message from your teacher

Hello parents! We are so proud of the progress the children made last half term and how well they have settled into life in Year 6. This half term is sure to be a busy one in the run up to Christmas, but hopefully lots of fun for the children too. We will be exploring a range of new exciting topics and look forward to seeing what the children will produce.

### Key Dates for the Diary

**Parents Evenings:** Monday 15th & Thursday 18th November

**Y5/6 Carol Concert:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**End of Term:** Friday 17th December

### Key Information

- Your child's PE day is a **Monday** and they are currently working with **Mrs Conway** to develop their fitness. Children must have their full PE kit in school on this day.
- Your child continues to read regularly with an adult in class. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home and to access the Reading Plus Programme if they do so in school.
- All homework is set on a Friday. **English** homework (either spelling or reading comp) is due on a **Tuesday** and **Maths** is due on a **Wednesday**.



### Our learning in Year Six



**Maths:** This half term we are continuing our work on the **Four Operations**. Your child has begun by consolidating their knowledge of column addition, subtraction and multiplication using the formal methods as well as revising the short division method. In Year 6, your child will be introduced to a new concept – long division - which provides them with a strategy for dividing by two digit numbers. Within this unit they will also revise factors, multiples, prime numbers and the order of operations.

Following on from this, the children will begin their next unit: **Fractions, Decimals and Percentages** where they will build upon the strategies they learnt in Year 5 for ordering, simplifying and converting between the three.

**English:** This half term we have begun with our non-fiction unit of Journalistic Writing. We have started by looking at the features of newspaper reports before moving onto looking at the grammatical features we need to include in our own news reports. These will be based on the text 'Trapped' and short film 'Alma' which we studied last half term.

### Other Curriculum Areas

In **History**, our current unit of work is **Conflict Through Time** where we are learning about how many conflicts have taken place throughout time. Your child will learn about the advances in weaponry and tactical warfare that have taken place from the prehistoric era right through to modern times.

In **Science**, our new unit of work is **Living Things and Their Habitat** where your child will be learning to describe how living things (plants, animals and micro-organisms) are classified into groups, based on their characteristics and similarities or differences.

This half term our **R.E.** work focuses upon the theme of Vocation and Commitment where we will explore the commitment required to do many jobs such as the priesthood. We will also learn the story of the Baptism of Jesus and about the calling of St Francis to his faith.

In **French**, your child is continuing to learn about members of their family and practising conversational French.

In **R.S.H.E** we continue to learn about our bodies and explore the importance of keeping ourselves healthy and safe.

In **Guided Reading**, your child is continuing to read the book Kensuke's Kingdom and answering questions related to the text, testing their inference and deduction skills. They are also working on test technique and developing their answers to 2 and 3 mark SATS style questions.



