

Welcome to Year 6!

It has been lovely getting to know all of the children over the past week or so; they have settled really well into their new classes and are getting used to the new routines.

English

In English this half term the children will be learning about *Warning Stories*. They will be learning to orally retell the model text using story maps and actions. The children will be thinking about the structure and language features of stories, with a particular focus on the character description. We will be working on their use of adverbs and experimenting with punctuation to add description to their sentences. The children will then be planning, writing and editing their own warning stories.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about:

- Place value of numbers up to ten million; comparing and ordering six and seven-digit numbers; as well as reading and spelling numbers written as words.
- Addition and subtraction of digits up to 5 and 6-digit numbers. We will be working on the mental recall of addition and subtraction facts, number bonds and the children will be using objects and number lines to support their calculations. We will also practice multiplication and division skills using written methods.

Science

Our Science topic for the autumn term is *Animals including Humans*. During this topic, the children will be exploring animal life cycles and classification. Our skills focus is planning with the children will be learning about independent and dependent variables and planning an investigation.

RE

Our RE topic this half term is *Islam*. The children will learn about the key beliefs and practices of this religion. We will be considering: 'What is the best way for Muslims to show commitment to their God?' This will entail a lot of speaking and listening, where the children will be invited to share their own personal feelings and experiences.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be thinking about *Healthy Lifestyle*. We will be discussing the importance of balanced diet and exercise, and how it contributes to maintaining a healthy mind. We will also be spending time thinking about the factors which influence us when making lifestyle choices and how might these change over time

PE

This half term, the children will be developing their skills in Hockey and Football. Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure children have their PE kit on these days.

Art

We will be finding out about our class artists (Yinka Shonibare and Lubaina Himid) and using their work as inspiration for our own. In addition, the children will be focusing on developing their drawing and sketching skills.

Music

In Year 6, the children will be learning the history of the Blues as well as recognising the significance of the 12- bar Blues structure. They will be playing the ukuleles and keyboards to support their learning.

Homework

Home learning letters will be handed out each week on a Friday. There will be weekly English, maths and spelling homework. Please encourage your child to practise and use their spellings daily. Library books are changed regularly. Please ensure your child brings their book in to school each day.

Please do support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them and if you are unsure please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. There is an expectation that all Year 6 children complete their homework on a weekly basis.