



## **Welcome to Year 6!**

### **Welcome to Autumn Term 1**

We hope you are well and had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and energised for the start of the new academic year!

The adults working with Year 6 are class teachers Ashley Hawkins (Shonibare) and Lakisha Maloney (Himid), supported by Claddy Eagles (1:1 Shonibare) Sam Bowden (1:1s Himid).

Below is a reminder of our email addresses so you can email or speak with us directly if you have any questions or queries.

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The Year 6 curricula for the current academic year are as follows:

#### **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.

#### **DR**

In reading the children will be exploring classic poetry followed by reading a fiction book called 'Viking Boy'. This links in with our History topic where the children will be learning about the Vikings. We will continue to follow the Destination Reader scheme of learning, using reading stems and discussion to understand the texts.

#### **Science**

Our Science topic for the autumn term is *Electricity*. During this topic, the children will be exploring circuits. Children will be planning and investigating as well as learning new and using scientific vocabulary correctly both verbally and in writing evaluations.

#### **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 Lifestyles*. We will be discussing the importance of a 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. We will also be swimming this term; Himid in Autumn 1 and Shonibare in Autumn 2. Our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure children have their PE kit on these days.

### **History**

In the autumn term we will be learning about The Vikings. We will be exploring the key question, *Were the Vikings explorers or invaders?* Children will explore all aspects of The Vikings and end the unit with a Viking Day where children will get the opportunity to immerse themselves into the life of a Viking.

### **IT**

In Autumn 1 we will be using Oh Bots. Children will have the opportunity to explore the software and program the Oh Bots to complete various actions. This leads on from last year when they children were programming the Oh Bots to speak.

### **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.