

# Autumn 1 2017 Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



First of all we would like to welcome to year six. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer with your child(ren) and made the most of the sunshine.

## Writing

This term we will be beginning the term with writing diary extracts based on our guided reading text 'Wreck of the Zanzibar' by Michael Murporgo. They will be flexing their empathy muscle by writing from different character's perspectives and by imagining how different characters feel. They will also be writing a short narrative based on The Lighthouse video clip which is going to be a whole school project. The children will be focusing on developing their use of conjunctions, paragraphing and varying sentence structures.

## Reading

Your child will read in school every day during our quiet reading sessions. During this time, adults will hear the children read and ask them questions to test their comprehension. Every day, we also have guided reading sessions which we focus on as a class and then complete activities to develop comprehension skills. This terms book is 'Wreck of the Zanzibar' by Michael Murporgo.'

## P.E.

P.E. will take place on Wednesday and also ,weather depending, on a Friday. Please can you ensure that children are wearing the correct P.E kit: plain shorts and a white top in the summer and as the days get a little colder they are also encouraged to wear tracksuit bottoms. For hygiene reasons, it is also important that children bring in a spare pair of trainers or plimsoles.

## Science

Your child will be investigating different species, and making comparisons and classifying them into different categories such as vertebrae and invertebrate. They will be exploring the different habitats and climates that different species survive in.

## Maths

In school we focus on developing mental strategies every day as we encourage children to become fluent with their times tables. We will begin the term by consolidating the children's knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be doing lots of problem solving involving multiplication and division where the children will be learning how to solve problems by using a variety of resources and methods to support their learning. We will also be focusing on securing the children's knowledge of place value and extending them on-to solving calculations with numbers up to 7 digit numbers.

Remember you can help your child at home by rehearsing their timetables, using money to calculate change and costings as well as general practice of the four operations.

## Geography

The children will be learning about and locating different places on a map. Particularly focusing on the local area and identifying different counties, countries and continents . They will also explore different symbols which are used on maps and discussing how they can be used effectively.

## R.E.

The children will be learning about Harvest festivals and why they take place. As well as the interpretations across different religions.

## ICT

All children will have the opportunity to use computers lap tops and tablets as part of their learning in school.

## Homework

Every Friday we will be setting homework which will be focusing on timetables, spellings and grammar. This is to consolidate the children's understanding of their learning in school. If the children do not complete their homework by the following Friday then they will attend homework club.

At home, the children can access a range of resources which supports and develops their learning via our school's dashboard.

