

# Year 6 Term 3 Newsletter

Wednesday 4th January 2023

## Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable break with your loved ones and feel rested, ready to start term 3. You have been working so hard since starting Year 6 and we are all so proud of how far you have come already. We are excited to see how you progress in this term so keep working hard!

Read the rest of this newsletter to find out what we will be learning about in the third term of Year 6...

## English

In English, we will be reading and basing our writing around Skellig. We will be looking at different genres/styles of writing and applying key features to our own writing. We will continue to look at different areas of SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) each week and ensure these are always applied in our writing. Non-negotiables such as basic punctuation, key common exception spelling words and joined handwriting will need to be visible in every piece of writing.

## Maths

Within this term, we will continue to recap previous topics, as well as looking at test style questions. We will be starting to look at ratio and algebra at the start of the term. We will also be applying our fraction knowledge to learning on decimals by the end of the term. Make sure you keep practising your times tables and 4 operations with your homework.

## Reading

You will be expected to read every day, with a comment in your contact book about what you have read. We do ask parents to check and sign contact books daily in case there are any messages which have been communicated, as well as looking at the reading progress of your child. Adults in school will also be checking the contact books daily for any messages from parents. This is a key tool in communication between home and school and we should have contact books in school **every day**.

In school, we will have guided reading sessions in class which will be based around VIPERS. In addition to this, you will have reading for pleasure time.

## Curriculum

In History, we will be learning about the Greeks. Oceans and South America will be the focus in Geography. In Science, we will start by looking at the human body and its systems as well as sound and hearing. Due to our curriculum design and learning in milestones, you should have already looked at these topics on a basic level in Year 5. We will look deeper at these topics in Year 6. We will also have exciting lessons in Art, DT, Computing and MFL.

## PE

This term we will have **outdoor PE** on **Monday** afternoons and **indoor PE** on a **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure on both days you come into school in your PE kit. Earrings cannot be worn during PE lessons, so it's advised to keep them at home.

## Reminders for parents:

- The school day finishes at 3:20. School start time will still be 8:45 with the gate closing at 8:50. Children will use the Year 6 gate at the side of the hall.
- If you would like your child to walk home, please give permission on Arbor.
- If your child walks to school, they are allowed to bring their mobile to school, but it has to be handed to the office before they go into school.
- Homework will be set on a **Friday** and due back on **Wednesday**. A homework club will be offered on **Thursday** lunchtime every week.
- SATs will take place on the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May is now a bank holiday so the tests will be pushed back by a day. Please be aware when planning breaks away.

## Final note...

We ask that you support your children with their learning at home. Encouraging children with reading, homework, TTRS and Spelling Shed will have the greatest impact on their learning. We will be offering additional Booster sessions this term. We want your children to achieve success just as much as you, so we ask that you support these sessions. If you do have any questions about their learning, please ask.

Mr Harrison, Mrs Jeffery, Miss Martin and Mrs Stephen