



# Year 6

## Autumn newsletter



**Our PE day is Thursday, your child should come to school in their PE kit every Thursday.**

**Reading diaries should be brought into school every day. We ask parents to sign the reading diary in the every evening after you have heard your child read.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome you and your child to Year 6 and we hope that you had a restful break and that they have had a great start to the academic year. This newsletter contains information about your child's learning . If you have any questions, we are here to help.

We have lots of exciting things in store this year. This term we will welcome the new normal. We will continue with good hygiene practices in place to keep us all safe. If you have any questions about how we are keeping our school community safe, please ask any of the staff or leadership team.

### The staff team



Miss Bahia



Miss Parveen



Mrs Brzeski



Mrs Sheikh



Miss Kaur

# Our learning

## Maths

In maths we will be focussing on a variety of different skills in order to prepare ourselves for our year 6 assessments. This term, we're starting with place value and the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Make sure you keep practising your times tables at home, because you'll need them when we start fractions before the end of term!

## Writing

We will be using some fantastic texts to help us with our writing this term, including *Infinite Hope*, the story of a soldier during World War II, and *The Graveyard Book*, a spooky tale about a boy raised by ghosts. On top of that, we'll be doing some writing linked to our history and science lessons, discussing topics like equality and evolution.

## Reading

In reading this term, we are starting off with 'The Graveyard Book'. We are already hooked from the first chapter! After half term, we'll move on to 'Letters from the Lighthouse', a story about evacuees during World War II.

## Science

In science this term, we are learning about evolution and inheritance, followed by classification. We'll be looking at the work of Charles Darwin and trying to build a better understanding of our world.

## Computing

In our computing topics this year, we will be exploring how PCs work and how data is transferred. We will hopefully get a peek inside one!

## Homework

**Spellings**—Our spellings are taught weekly, and we will send these home for children to learn in preparation for their spelling test the following week.

**Reading**—Children should be reading everyday, ideally with an adult who can help them with tricky words and ask them questions about what they have read.

**Online homework**— All children have access to a range of online resource, including Mathletics, MyOn, Spelling Shed and Google Classroom, which we expect them to access weekly for their homework. All children should be getting at least 1000 points on Mathletics every week.

## Reading Champions

Please assign a reading champion to your child who will hear them read daily and sign their diary for them.

## DT

We are looking forward to visiting the Young Engineers' Academy to do some exciting projects, such as automata toys!

## Art

Our art topic this half term is photography, and we will be studying a variety of different artists to see how they use the medium in different ways.

## MFL

We are excited to start learning Spanish this half term! We may come home saying 'Hola' instead of 'Hello'!

## PE

In PE, Year 6 are taking part in some great activities: 6P and 6K will be starting with tag rugby and 6SB are doing handball first. After that, we will be doing yoga, basketball and dance.

## Personal Development

Our PD focus is health and wellbeing. Our British Values foci are democracy and individual liberty. Some children will be exploring this even further if they choose to run for our student Parliament.

## RE

In RE lessons this half term, our topic will be 'Beliefs in Action'. We're excited to explore a range of different ideas, and we are planning a trip to a Gurdwara!