



Autumn Term Newsletter

Year 6

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope that you have enjoyed a happy and interesting summer and that everyone has been looking forward to the start of the new academic year.

I have had the opportunity this week to meet a number of parents and look forward to meeting many more of you during the 'Meet the Teacher' evening scheduled on Wednesday 14th September 2016.

During the course of the Autumn term, Year 6 pupils will focus on strengthening their core mathematics & comprehension skills, revise a range of different writing genres and build upon effectively working on various science topics.

Snapshot of the Year 6 Curriculum:

English	Autobiographies & Biographies (Winston Churchill) Letter Writing, Journalism, Diary Entries and Recounts (<i>Goodnight Mr. Tom</i>) Media and Advertising (<i>Man On The Moon</i> - John Lewis advertisement)
Maths	Place value, as well as ordering and rounding numbers confidently to three decimal places Understanding different addition, subtraction, division and multiplication strategies Improving arithmetic skills
Science	Electricity & Light using the six strands of 'working scientifically'
Topic	History: World War II (<i>Windrush Child</i> - poem from <i>Under the Moon and Over the Sea</i> by John Agard) * Links to Black History Month Religious Education: Learning From Religion (Judaism) Art: Propaganda Posters (World War II) Physical Education: Dance Tag Rugby

As always, extra-curricular activities are offered to enrich your child's learning experience, therefore kindly ensure he/she has an up to date and labelled PE kit; your child's class teacher will inform you regarding the exact day. Please encourage your child to bring in a water bottle to school which they can take home to clean and refill daily.

Please support your child's learning by ensuring homework tasks are completed within the set, allotted timeframes. If your child struggles to complete his/ her homework please liaise with the class teacher to receive additional support.

Additionally, please remember to sign your child's homework diaries and reading record books so that you are fully aware of continued progress.

Home Learning:

Spellings	These will be given out every Friday and your child's spellings will be tested the following Friday
Mathematics	An array of different mathematical tasks will be set throughout the course of the term. Homework will be set every Wednesday and will be due back the following Monday.
Topic including Science	Project-style homework will be set every 2-3 weeks; this will encourage pupils to build upon their research skills, as well as showcase their creativity.
Reading	It is recommended that your child reads each day and we are grateful for your support with this.

Your child will also have the opportunity to visit the library during the course on the week; the timings will change on a rota basis.

If you decide your child should walk back home independently, kindly inform the school office or child's class teacher by written confirmation.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

I look forward to working with you all.

Best wishes,

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