

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Year 6 parents/carers,

### Year 6 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1

#### Message from the teachers

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Year 6 for their progress during the autumn term. Your behaviour, attitude and resilience has been outstanding throughout and you have worked extremely hard in the lead up to the winter break. This curriculum letter will outline the lesson topics for the this half term, and all that we have to enjoy before the February half term break. Some new things to look forward to is our new buddying reading system, where Year six will be reading with the Year three children. We will also introduce 'Show and Tell' sessions where your child will be able to stand in front of the class and talk about something they have done or bring in an item that is important to them and talk about it. This is to help the children build confidence and self-esteem.

#### Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

#### Year 6 Staffing

Aspen class teacher: Mr Hackman

Elm class teacher: Mrs Pankhania

Meranti class teacher: Mr Coren

Year 6 learning support assistants: Mrs Clarke, Mrs Gaffney, Miss Merrick, Mrs Sehmi, Mrs Skull and Mrs Thomas

#### Communication

You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

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#### Homework

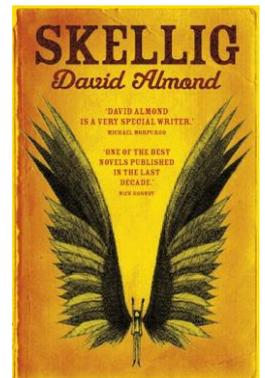
Homework, along with answers, will be emailed to parents every Monday. Spellings, maths passport and arithmetic tests will take place every Friday. Please remember that reading books will be sent home every Monday and should be returned by Friday.

#### Spring Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

#### English

Year 6 will be using 'Skellig' by David Almond as a focus text this half term. We will use this to create a 'Flashback Tale', where a main character has a flashback to a time in their past that unsettled them, later impacting on their lives. Following this, we will be writing information texts linked to the topic of mythical creatures, which ties in nicely with the focus text.



#### Mathematics

In maths this half term, Year 6 will follow on from the fraction work they have done in the previous half term. It will involve identifying decimal numbers to 2 or 3 decimal places and multiplying and dividing decimals, before finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be using algebraic skills to look at forming expressions before moving on to solving more complex equations.

Decimal	Percentage	Fraction
0.5	50%	$\frac{1}{2}$
0.25	25%	$\frac{1}{4}$
0.75	75%	$\frac{3}{4}$
0.2	20%	$\frac{1}{5}$
0.1	10%	$\frac{1}{10}$
$0.\dot{3}$	33.3%	$\frac{1}{3}$

$$14 + a = 20$$

$$b + 7 = 18$$

$$23 + c = 33$$

### Science

The Year 6 Science unit this term is titled 'Nature Library'. The focus of this unit is exploring how to classify plants and animals based on their biology and characteristics, e.g. vertebrates and invertebrates. We will explore what micro-organisms are and grow our own, which we will then investigate using our scientific enquiry skills.

### History

The Ancient Greeks is the topic for History in Year 6 this half term. This unit requires the children to discuss and evaluate achievements made by the Ancient Greeks, compare the similarities and differences between the Ancient Olympics and the Modern Olympics, and delve into the world of Greek mythology.

### Art and Design

In Art and Design this half term, Year 6 will be exploring art with a message in the unit 'Make My Voice Heard'. Children will look at the famous 'Guernica' by Picasso and the confronting works of Käthe Kollwitz. Through the mediums of graffiti, drawing, painting and sculpture, they will create their own artworks that speak to the viewer.



### Physical Education

The two P.E. units in Year 6 this half term are 'Pilates' indoors and 'Nimble Nets' outdoors. The indoor Pilates unit is based on children improving their core strength, balance and stability through calming poses and breathing exercises. The outdoor unit encourages the children to get active by developing their serving and rallying techniques through both badminton and tennis.

### French

The Year 6 French unit this half term is 'French Numbers'. The children will learn vocabulary for French numbers along with how to identify key dates within a calendar, e.g. birthdays.

### Religious Education

Year 6 will be discussing the beliefs of eternity within the Christian faith, where children will learn to evaluate different beliefs about eternity and understand the Christian perspective on this.

### Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Dreams and Goals' is the next PSHE unit, where Year 6 will discuss their strengths and the importance of setting challenging but realistic goals for themselves. They will then explore the steps that are required to achieve their goals, whilst pre-empting what barriers they may come across along the way. Finally, we will discuss how our opportunities are different to those less fortunate and learn to empathise with those that are suffering or living in difficult situations.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mr Coren, Mr Hackman and Mrs Pankhania