

## Year 6 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2023

Welcome to Year 6 and the Autumn Term!

We are so pleased to have the children back after the summer break! We have lots of exciting things planned for the coming weeks and wanted to update you on a few things you may need to know.

**Reading** – Reading for pleasure is the key to reading success so reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading. Please continue to enjoy books with your child even if they are a confident reader. We will be focusing on an increasing range of reading skills in Year 6 including: reading fluency, using inference and deduction to answer comprehension questions about the text.

Please complete their reading record once you've heard them read or read with them. We would like them to read 4 times a week where possible. They will then receive a raffle ticket to go into a weekly draw to win a book from our new vending machine.

**PE** - Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays We will always try to go out even in cold and damp weather so children will need appropriate clothing every week! It is important that children with pierced ears can remove their own earrings and those with long hair have this tied up.

**Homework** – Children will be set homework each Monday. This will usually consist of one reading comprehension, one maths and one grammar activity alongside practising on Spelling Shed. They will have a week to complete these tasks. If your child has any problems with their homework, please contact their class teacher.

Reading records to be handed in and checked every Friday.

### Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Bikeability** – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6th October

**INSET Day** – Friday 20th October

**Half Term** – 23rd – 27th October

**Secondary school admissions deadline** – 31st October

**PSHE Life Bus Visit** – Monday 13th – 16th November

**Parents' Evenings** – Tuesday 7th November & Thursday 9th November

**Antarctica Inspiration Talk** – 1st December

**Autumn Term Finishes** – Friday 15th December at 12pm

### Reminders:

**PE Days.** Children to come in full PE Kit. School PE Kit is listed below:

- White School Logo Polo shirt
- Plain navy-blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Plain navy-blue sweatshirt/hoodie
- Trainers (not school shoes)

**Water bottles and lunch boxes** must be named.

**Internet Safety** - Please make sure that what your child is accessing online is age appropriate. Be aware of age restrictions for social network accounts and control what they are posting online and messaging apps.

## History

In History, the children will learn about the most significant changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and the impact on life at that time. They will learn the significance of Stonehenge and what Skara Brae tells us about Stone Age Britain.

## English

This half term, we will be reading a book called The London Eye Mystery. The children will be writing their own re-tell of the story as a personal diary entry, after which they will write a suspense story based on the book.



## PE

Football – we will build on our skills of defensive tackling, dribbling and passing.

Gym – we will be building skills on the basic gymnastic shapes and jumping and landing technique.

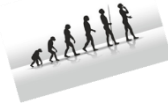
## Computing

This term, the children will be learning all about how to stay safe online. They will learn about acceptable and unacceptable behaviour online and how to report concerns.

This Half Term our Discovery learning topics are:

## **Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age**

and



## **Evolution and Inheritance**



## PSHE

Me and My Relationships

We will learn about challenges that arise from friendships and we will suggest strategies on dealing with these challenges with respect.

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## RE

In RE, the children will explore the Christian concept of the Trinity and will have the opportunity to investigate the different symbolism and characteristics associated with each Person of the Trinity.

## Art

In Art and Design the children will study the Pop Art movement and produce creative work, exploring their ideas. They will understand the historical importance of this style of art and influences and links with today's cultures.



## Science

In Science, we will learn to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will then learn that living things produce offspring of the same kind. We will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

## Maths

Our learning in Maths will revise and build on their understanding of place value. We will be working with numbers up to 10,000 and negative numbers. Our learning will then move to consolidating their knowledge of the four operations. We will build on improving fluency and application in reasoning and problem-solving questions.

## Music

The children will explore the musical concept of theme and variations onto different instruments inspired by the Pop Art era.

## Spanish

The children will learn how to name different clothes in Spanish across each season and revise months and number.