



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the New Year! We are looking forward to a great start to 2018 in Year 6. We will continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum through our eight domain areas.

### **Literacy, Oracy and Language**

Children will read and explore the language, character, setting and plot of the journey -themed book, Kensukes's Kingdom. They will use role-play and other empathetic approaches and use this as a stimulus to write diary entries, letters and book reviews. Children will also be using the features of a balanced argument to write about the portrayal of wolves in Literature ; they will study a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

The spelling rules for this term include: words with 'silent' letters; word endings which sound like 'shul' e.g. official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential; homophones such as compliment/complement, desert/dessert, principal/principle, profit/prophet, stationery/stationary.

### **Mathematics**

Children will be working on transformations of 2D shapes in all 4 quadrants of a co-ordinates grid; constructing and interpreting charts and graphs; understanding and using approximate equivalences between metric units and common imperial units such as inches, pounds and pints.

We will also be covering work on area and perimeter using formulae; finding the volume of cubes and cuboids; expressing missing number problems algebraically; and finding pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns.

### **Science and Technology**

Our topic this term is Living Things & Their Environment. The children will be learning about a variety of local habitats and identifying animals which are predators and their prey. We will learn to sequence valid food chains and we will consider the effect of changes to a habitat on some organisms

### **Place and Time**

We will be starting our 'Navigation' topic this term, concentrating on map skills, using a compass, the Ordnance Survey and comparing different kinds of maps and GPS systems. We will also look at navigators and explorers through time, as well as navigating our way through Brazil and the Amazon linked to the text we are studying in literacy this term

### **Physical and Emotional Health**

The children will continue to work on a variety of invasion based games, practising their various skills through football and other games with professional sports coaches. They will also do dance with Mrs Lucas.

### **Arts and Creativity**

Portraits. The children will be studying the work of various portrait artists and copying the style and technique. Some art work will be linked to other areas of the curriculum.

### **Ethics and Citizenship**

This term the children will be learning about 'Equality', particularly in relation to gender and race. We will be looking at the impact the Suffragettes movement had on closing the gap in the equality of gender, as well as the effect of Martin Luther King's speech on overcoming racism.

### **Faith and Belief**

Our Faith and Belief Topic this term will be Beliefs and meaning from the Christian perspective.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set daily and is usually due the next day. Children should read daily and times tables and Maths Competencies should be rehearsed on a regular basis. Any questions or queries, please feel free to come and see me.

### **Finally**

Please can I please remind parents and carers about our Breakfast 'Booster Club'. There is noticeable improvement in the progress of children who attend regularly. Most of Year 6 now attend, which is fantastic, however, there are a few who don't ever come and it would be great to see them too. Classes run from Monday – Thursday.

Yours faithfully

*Mrs M Gallop*

#### Useful websites:

Spelling games: <http://www.spellingcity.com/>

Science: [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10\\_11/interdependence.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10_11/interdependence.shtml)

Maths: <http://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Year-6>

Place and Time: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=98>