



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2! We have lots of exciting and challenging things planned for this term. Here's what we have to look forward.

### **English**

We will begin the term with a study of Remembrance poetry, particularly For the Fallen by Lawrence Binyon, part of which the children will perform to the school for our Remembrance Assembly. Other poems will include: Poppies for Remembrance by Moira Andrew and A Poem for Remembrance Day - The inquisitive mind of a child.

<https://anzacday.org.au/a-poem-for-remembrance-day>

Our class reader will be the 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and the class will be looking at the themes and the structure of a narrative text. We will also be working on Growth Mindset principles through a variety of visual Literacy clips. The children will finish the term by reading extracts from Charles Dickens (children's version) based on a Victorian Christmas.

### **Mathematics**

The children will begin the term by looking at ratio and proportion, particularly why we would need this skill in everyday life. They will then learn to use and manipulate fractions, decimals and percentages and making the link between all three. They will also be interpreting data in other forms such as bar charts and line graphs. Finally, they will be concentrating on using a protractor to accurately measure angles and create their own pie charts.

### **Science and Technology**

Our topic this term is 'The Human Circulatory System'. The children will learn to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will also learn about recognising the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

### **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.

### **Physical and Emotional Health**

PE this term will continue to be taught by specialist sports coaches, where the children will concentrate on team games such as football with a focus on improving their spatial awareness and specific games skills. Please note, PE will take place on Tuesdays (6D) or Wednesdays (6G) and Thursdays this term. Mrs Lucas, our specialist dance teacher, will be working with the children on their dances ready for their class assemblies.

Our SEAL topic this term is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. We will consider the value of diversity and co-operation in order to build a positive ethos. We will be creating a bank of words to diffuse a difficult situation and think about how we can take responsibility for own feelings of anger.

### **Arts and Creativity**

Art this term will be focusing on portraiture. 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.

### **Citizenship and Ethics**

Our new Citizenship & Ethics topic will be 'Responsibilities as Leaders', linking into the British Values of mutual respect & tolerance and democracy (making collective decisions). We will be discussing the roles and responsibilities as leaders in Year 6 within the school, as well as looking at our responsibilities as citizens within the wider community.

**Faith and Belief**

Our topic in Faith and Belief this term is 'Christianity'. Christmas as a theme will be explored and will also be linked to how artistic representations of the Nativity tie in with Biblical accounts of the Christmas Story. They will also have the opportunity to compare the differing accounts of the birth of Jesus in the Gospels.

**Homework**

Homework will be set daily and is mainly 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', where we are currently covering all aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar, Maths and Reading. There is noticeable improvement in the progress of children who attend regularly. Please can I encourage you to send your child – it would be great to see as many Year 6s as possible. Classes run from Monday – Thursday

Yours faithfully

*Mrs L. Denham, Mrs M. Gallop and Mr M. Gosling*

**Useful websites:**

Literacy (Reading; Writing; Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar): <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

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

Maths games and revision: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/maths/>

Science: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/circulation/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/circulation/read/1/)

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