

## Year 6 – September 2023 Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday (despite the disappointing weather) and that you and your child are looking forward to the year ahead. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and I have no doubt that we are going to have an amazing year. The children have all come back to school with amazing attitudes and are looking super smart in their new uniforms.

Thank you to all those families that completed the collection form for the office before the end of term, letting the office staff know your child's hometime arrangements. If you haven't already done so, please can you ensure that you let the office know who has permission to collect your child ASAP. Please note, we cannot allow your child to go home alone/ with an adult not on the collection list without permission.

### Curriculum

This half term our Topic is 'Protecting the Environment'. The children will learn more about climate change, how the population of animals is deteriorating and about sustainable materials. They will learn more about the importance of change, and what the world may look like if this generation doesn't alter their ways.

In Maths our focus will be on place value, working with numbers up to 10,000,000. We will also be recapping and learning new methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Our English lessons for the next three weeks are focusing on our class text 'The Promise', which is about a girl who changes her ways and tries to save the environment by planting lots of trees and plants. The children will then use this book as a reference to support them in writing their own poems about the environment.

In Art, year 6 will be developing their collage skills and will have the opportunity to create their own collage art work on the environment.

Our PSHE lessons are focusing on 'Being me in my World'; these sessions will encourage the children to set ambitious goals for themselves, both now and in the future.

### PE:

Year 6 will be having PE on Monday and Thursday this half term. Please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school at all times.

### Drumming:

This half term sees the year 6s taking part in drumming music lessons. We are really looking forward to this new opportunity and know that the children will love the sessions. Our trip to Young Voices is also booked for 2024, so we will be starting to learn the songs for this concert. More details will be sent out soon regarding this trip.

### Homework:

Year 6 will continue to receive weekly spellings – these will be handed out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Homework tasks will also be set for the term and can be found in your child's PACT book. Please make sure your child completes at least one piece of homework for each hand-in date. It is really important that year 6 children get into the habit of regularly completing homework in preparation for secondary school.

### Reading Books:

Please try and hear your child read regularly and put a note in the back of their PACT book so we know they have read with someone. Please also try and ask your child about the text they are reading. Children in year 6 are often very good readers but we need to make sure they have a good understanding on what they have read.