



# Year 6 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you had a lovely summer and that your children are ready for the new academic year.

As well as building their skills across all subjects this term, the children will be developing their independence and resilience on our residential trip to Boreatton Park in October.

## English

In English, we will be reading 'A Kind of Spark'. Using this text, we will be exploring a range of different skills and techniques to develop our writing.

We will be considering audience and purpose for different text types, including a character description, non-chronological report and a balanced argument.



## Maths

The focus in Maths this term will be:

- Number and place value (up to ten million)
- Four operations (including the order of operations)
- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions
- Converting units of measure

## Science

In Science this half-term, we are looking at 'Classifying Critters'. We will describe how living things are classified into groups based on their similar observable characteristics.

Next half-term, we are exploring the human circulatory system, describing the functions of the heart, blood and blood vessels.

## Topic

Our topics this term are 'Ancient Maya' (History) and 'South America' (Geography). The children will locate regions of Central and South America, looking at how it has changed over time. They will discover who the Maya were and what their beliefs were.



## P.E.

P.E. will take place on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** for both classes. Please could children attend school in their P.E. kit on these days. This term we will develop skills in tag rugby, dodgeball, football and basketball.

*Children will also have regular French (Autumn 1), R.E. (Autumn 2), Computing, Music and PSHE lessons.*

## Homework and Spellings

- Homework will continue to be set on **Fridays** and completed no later than the following **Wednesday**. Maths homework will be set on MyMaths with all other tasks going home in homework books.
- Spellings for each week will go live on Spelling Shed each **Friday** to be learnt and then tested at home the following week.

## Residential – Boreatton Park

- Information has been sent separately regarding the Year 6 residential which is taking place on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure that medical forms and medication is brought in prior to the trip.
- If your child is not coming on the trip, they will be completing activities in school in line with the Year 6 curriculum.

## Diary dates

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Maya workshops in school

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are really looking forward to the year ahead. Please get in contact if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

The Year 6 team