

# Ashton West End Primary Academy

## Class 6P Newsletter Spring Term 2019

Dear Year 6 parents, carers and children,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the festive season. This term will prove to be challenging and rewarding at the same time for the children in year 6 so thank you for your continued support.

### Literacy

We will start the spring term by reading a book called *The Ghost Prison* written by Joseph Delaney. This is the author who visited us in the autumn term.

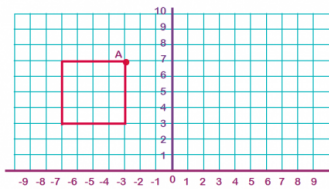
Later on in the term, the children will be reading poetry linked to animal cruelty. They will be writing their own poems and performing them in front of an audience.

We will continue to focus on grammar, spellings and punctuation throughout the term including arranging a spelling bee competition in our school.

The children are tested weekly on the year 5 & 6 spellings from the National Curriculum. Please make sure your child is learning them each week.

### Numeracy

The main areas of study this term will be finding the area and perimeter of different shapes including triangles and parallelograms. The children will also be reflecting and translating shapes on coordinate's axes. Times tables are tested daily through Times Table Rockstars so please encourage your child to continue to learn them including decimals e.g.  $0.4 \times 6 = 2.4$ . The children also have access to their Mathematics accounts at home so please encourage them to use this.



### History

Our history work this term is learning about The Maya civilisation. The children will research and find out about ancient cities and how they lived, identify the differences between the lives of people and learn key Maya religious practices. The children will make comparisons between the Maya and ourselves and investigate Maya food to find out what they grew, hunted and ate. We will also link our D&T work this term to our history topic where the children will be sewing a 'talking textile' piece of work based on a section of the Maya creation story.

