

6G Autumn Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Year 6. We have an exciting, hard-working year ahead of us and I am sure that we will meet it head on together. I look forward to the challenges of Year 6 and supporting you and your child through this, often, tricky year. *Mrs Green*

Literacy

We will base all of our learning in the first half term around *Wonder*, a book following the story of a 10 year old boy with a rare illness. I hope that this story will encourage the children to think about our similarities and differences and what it is that connects us all.

Learning this term will focus heavily on developing our spelling punctuation, grammar and handwriting. We will write in a range of genres, focusing mainly on fiction writing. After half term we will look at non-fiction writing and poetry.

Throughout the year we will be developing spellings through Spelling Bee competitions. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings each week, and as always continue reading at home.



Maths

In maths we will work hard to develop and extend our exiting knowledge in Place value, Calculations and Fractions.

The first half term will focus on place value and calculations, developing number knowledge into problem solving, using real life examples.

Times Table Rockstars will continue and children should continue to develop their tables knowledge at home. Children can also access Mathletics at home and this is an excellent way to boost learning in maths.

Geography: This term's Geography topic is What are coasts and why are they different?

Our learning will focus on the geographical features of coastal environments, focusing first on the natural features and then how people affect the coast. We will look at why coastal areas are constantly changing and the ways in which we try to preserve the coast. This will link to a trip to Formby Beach later in the term.

In addition, we will link our Geography to French. The children will learn key vocabulary to describe a beach scene based on a famous painting by Degas. They will be encouraged to speak in short sentences and produce some writing as well.



Science

For the first half of the Autumn Term, we will be learning all about light and how we see things. We will find to how light travels and investigate the use of mirrors, lenses and prisms.

After half term, we will be learning about the human body; specifically, the circulatory and respiratory systems. Our work will be enhanced by a trip to Oldham Science College.

Computing



In our computing lessons we will be learning about email and how technology links people. We will also be thinking about computer skills and how to use various tools when presenting work.

RE

This term, our learning in RE is focussing on the 'Big' questions. We will spend time thinking about what religions tell us about the journey of life, including beliefs about the afterlife. We will build upon this later in the term and consider how different religions offer comfort during difficult times.

Routines

Homework: This will be set each Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Spellings are tested and given out on a Monday. Please ensure your child reads regularly and changes their book at least once per week.

PE: PE will take place on a Monday afternoon until Christmas. Please ensure full PE kit is in school each week.

Spelling Bee: We will be continuing with the class spelling bee this year. Please encourage your child to learn the spelling list that is sent home.

Other Subjects

PE: Tag Rugby

MFL: Beach Scene

Music: Happy

D&T: Bread Making

PSHE: Substances

Diary Dates

27th September: MacMillan Coffee Morning

1st October: Safe Squad Trip

16th October: Formby Beach Trip

