RED CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Welcome to Year 6. I hope you all had a lovely summer. Please take some time to read the letter below, as it is full of important information about the Autumn Term - what your child will be learning and the things they will need, now they are in Year 6 and approaching the end of Key Stage 2.

English

In English lessons, we will be developing vocabulary through narrative and autobiographical writing, using the class texts *Skellig* and *Pig heart Boy,* and organising ideas cohesively in explanatory and discursive writing. We will also be focusing on spelling and grammar rules and ensuring that these are applied in the children's everyday writing. The children will have regular spelling and grammar lessons in school and they will have weekly spellings to learn at home.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about place value in numbers up to 10,000,000, including rounding and using formal written addition and subtraction methods with these numbers to solve problems. A good knowledge of times tables underpins all other areas of maths and we will focus on ensuring these are secure this term. If your child is still insecure with their times tables, please help them to practise these at home.

Science

In Science lessons, we will learn about 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. A knowledge organiser for 'Materials', is available on the school website, outlining the key information that will be taught this first half term.

RE

Our RE lessons have a Christian focus this half-term and we will be answering the question: *How do Christians value the importance of the Gospel?* Next half term, we will learn about Islam and answer the question: *What does the Qur'an reveal about Allah and his guidance?*

Computing

In computing lessons, we will be learning about using search technologies strategically and safely, and after half term, 'Coding'.

History

In History, we will be studying World War II and the impact locally, nationally and worldwide. We are hoping to visit Duxford Imperial War Museum later in the term.

Art and Design Technology

In Art lessons this term, the children will learn techniques for collage. In Design Technology, pupils will design and make their own phone cases.

Music

Music lessons will be centred around two musical styles: Jazz and the song *Happy.*

PSHE

PSHE lessons will focus on positive thinking, including understanding emotions and managing relationships with peers.

French

In French, we are focusing on reading, writing and speaking about the weather, places around town, directions and French culture.

PE

This term, we will have two PE lessons a week – Tuesday and Friday. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays, and their forest school kit on a Friday (with PE kit in a separate bag). As the term progresses, pupils will need to wear trainers and a tracksuit, as we will be outside for these sessions. They should wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan over the top for warmth.

Pupils with long hair need a band to tie it back and earrings must be removed. Please ensure your child can remove their own earrings independently, as covering them with tape will not be sufficient. If they are not yet able to remove their own earrings, please send them to school with no earrings in on the day we do PE.

Please can pupils also bring in a pair of trainers for the Daily Mile too and for when it becomes wet and muddy outside.

Reading

The most important thing that you can do to support your child at home is to regularly listen to them read and read to them. Developing a regular reading habit and enjoying books together will help your child to develop their vocabulary, comprehension skills and understanding of how writers use language, punctuation and grammar. All of this will then feed into their own writing in school.

You should expect book bags home every day. They will contain your child's reading record book. Please listen to your child read every day to continue to develop their confidence and fluency. It is also important to ask them lots of questions about what they read to further develop their comprehension skills. ClassDojo Points will be awarded for regular reading at home.

Homework

Homework will start to be set. Please put aside some time to complete this. In preparation for high school, your child will be expected to complete their homework to a good standard and hand it in on time.

Your child will also be bringing home a spelling book, with their spellings listed down. We will work on the spellings during the week at school, but I would appreciate it if you could also help your child to practise them at home. Regular, short practice sessions each day are better than spending a long time just once a week, as this will help your child to embed the spellings in their long-term memory.

Your child will also be expected to practise their times tables; this can be supported through the regular use of TT Rockstars.

Finally, if you have any concerns or need to speak to me, please contact me via Class Dojo in the first instance. Please give **urgent** messages to the School Office as I do not always check Class Dojo messages during the school day.

I look forward to an exciting and busy new term in Year 6 and getting to know you all.

Mrs L Pinder
Class Teacher