











Year 6 Newsletter - Autumn 2 2020:

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an enjoyable half-term break. This half-term, we will continue with the fantastic start that Year 6 have made to the academic year. We have plenty of engaging and challenging work to encounter. If you have any questions or queries about the curriculum, homework or anything else, please do come and see us (before or after school).

 <p>English</p>	<p>Our class author, this term, is William Shakespeare. You can find out more about his works here: https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/discover/shakespeares-world/</p> <p>Our first English unit will focus on non-chronological reports where we will be developing the children's ability to use the language and structure that is typical of report writing. The model text that we will study is - Lesser Spotted Animals by Martin Brown.</p> <p>We will then move on to a period of free writing where the children focus on independently applying taught strategies to a piece of writing of their choice.</p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>We will also be focusing strongly on supporting the children to read for pleasure. To find out more, follow the link: http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk</p> <p>We will continue this year's reading journey with a range of carefully selected picture books which will be read daily to the children.</p> <p>I would like to recommend <i>The Widow's Broom</i> by Chris Van Allsburg: <i>A gentle, captivating book by Caldecott Medal winner Chris Van Allsburg. A widow finds herself in possession of an extraordinary broom left by a strange woman who fell into the widow's garden.</i></p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>This half term, we will be continuing with Number, revising and deepening the children's knowledge of: The four operations before moving on to Fractions.</p> <p>Use the website - Maths is Fun - as a way of exploring these topics. https://www.mathsisfun.com</p> <p>All children have been given their TTRockstars logins - please encourage your child to use this regularly.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>The focus, for our Science this half term, is Living things and their habitats.</p> <p>The children will be learning about classification and grouping of living things: we will start with describing how living things are classified into broad groups, before then looking at giving reasons for classifying plants and animals.</p> <p>Here is a website with some interesting information to get you started on our science topic, this half term: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q</p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, we will be focusing on Incarnation (Understanding Christianity)</p> <p>The children will set out to explore one question - Was Jesus the Messiah?</p> <p>Our Bible character is Esther.</p> <p>https://www.learnreligions.com/book-of-esther-70112</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>The focus in Computing, this half term is:</p> <p>Online Safety (Digital Literacy and Information Technology)</p> <p>We will be looking at how to use the internet responsibly and stay safe online.</p> <p>Parents, why not explore this website on online safety? https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</p>
 <p>Geography</p>	<p>Our Sharing Literacy Lives Theme is: Our Community and our subject focus is Geography.</p> <p>The children will study the region of Brazil (South America).</p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>This half term, the children will be learning Invasion Games (basketball).</p> <p>Physical Education will continue to be taught by Mr Browne, on Wednesday Afternoon.</p> <p>Children need a full PE kit, which needs to include black shorts/leggings, a white t-shirt and pumps/trainers.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>In Music, this half term, children will:</p> <p>Listen & appraise; play progressive warm-up games and improvise. This will all centre around the Jazz genre. They will also continue with the skill of composing and using musical instrumentation to accompany their vocals.</p>
 <p>Foreign Languages</p>	<p>In Foreign Languages, this half term, children will continue to build on their prior knowledge by studying and holding conversations in Latin.</p>

Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

Homework

Homework differs from week to week but **ALL** homework is now set on google classroom.

Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes a night!

If you are unsure of what to do, please come and see us before or after school.

Mr Martin and Mrs Younis