



Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our 'Welcome to Year 6' session, giving an outline of some of our learning over this term and how to continue to support your child over the year. Please see below a brief outline of this term's learning!

### **General Overview of the Term's Learning**

Here's a brief overview of what to expect this term in Year 6:

- **English:** Our first guided reading text is 'Letters from the Lighthouse' – a lovely text related to evacuees in WWII. We will be using this as a basis to create a meeting tale narrative in our writing. We will also be creating a non-fiction report linked to our wider curriculum work. Our second text is called 'The Clockwork Crow' which we will be using to create our own suspense stories. Finally, we will be creating an explanation text linked to our Geography work. We will also read poems and non-fiction texts related to our learning in History, Science and Geography.
- **Maths:** This term's maths curriculum will include lots of arithmetic practise alongside the fundamentals of Place Value. We will recap addition and subtraction strategies and introduce the formal multiplication and division strategies. We will also start to look at fractions, decimals and percentages later in the term.
- **Science:** Pupils will investigate Electricity, creating circuits to control a robot and studying Animals including Humans.
- **History/Geography:** Our focus in History is the impact of WWII in our local community, with a visit to the museum planned in October. Geography focuses on Volcanoes and Earthquakes and Settlements.
- **Art:** Our art unit focuses on 2D to 3D art, focusing on the work of Lubaina Himid.
- **Music:** Our lessons will focus on how musical styles connect us through singing and musical improvisation.
- **PE:** This term, each class will undertake 6 weeks of swimming, alongside Football skills in our outdoor PE sessions.
- **Computing:** This term we will learn about Internet Safety and focus on the computers in the past, linked to Bletchley Park in WW2. We will also be looking at the use and impact of AI.
- **RE:** Pupils will consider the questions; 'Creation and science – conflicting or complimentary?' and 'What kind of King is Jesus?'.
- **Life skills:** This term we will think about choices surrounding alcohol; how to 'Keep Safe' around water and completing our Conception unit – please look out for a letter regarding this later in the term.
- **French:** We will begin with Phonetics before moving onto The Date and Animals.

### **PE Day**

Physical activity is a vital part of our students' development. PE day for Year 6 will be on **Thursdays** until Christmas. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on this day, ready to participate in a variety of sports activities. Swimming for Fistril class will take place on Tuesdays, with the last sessions taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Holywell will then begin swimming after half term for 6 weeks. Children can also come to school in PE kits on these days and bring an extra snack for after swimming if desired. As with all equipment, please ensure swimming kits and towels are named.

### **Home learning**

This year we are focusing on reading as our required priority homework. Therefore, we request that all children read their school reading book every night for about 10-15 minutes. We no longer have reading diaries in Y6 but will be checking in with the children regularly to ensure that this is happening as much as possible at home. TTRS, Maths Whizz and spellings can also be accessed at home, and although this is not mandatory, we do encourage children to keep up with their times tables practise as much as possible, as this really does underpin so much of our learning.



## **Healthy Snacks and Hydration**

We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time that will keep them energised and focused throughout the school day. In addition, it is important that children bring a water bottle to school each day. We kindly request that only water is provided in these bottles.

## **SATS**

Looking to the future, we kindly ask that holidays and avoidable absences are not taken in the week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May, as this is SATs week, for all children in Y6. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, or get in contact with the school office.

Kind regards,

Kate Dyer and Rachael Giddings.

Year 6 Teachers