

## Autumn 1



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### Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 14th September - Years 5 and Years 6 Meet the Teacher at 4pm (on Zoom)
- Friday 15th September - World Afro Day
- Monday 18th September - Play Day
- Tuesday 10th October - Mental Health Day
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- Friday 20th October - Show Racism the Red Card! (wear red)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Secondary Schools Application Deadline Closes (however, it is recommended that online applications are submitted by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October)

#### ENGLISH

##### READING

This term, we will be reading Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. The story centres on a boy who desperately needs a new heart. He is offered an opportunity to take part in a radical and controversial experiment involving the transplant of a pig's heart. The book explores a range of powerful themes, including friendship, trust and resilience.

##### WRITING

Over the next few weeks, we will be revisiting Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, a popular story that the children first read in Year 4. This time, the focus will be on Michael's journey across the ocean, looking closely at the incredible language that is used to describe his experience. As we move towards the independent writing phase, the children will consider an alternative ending where Kensuke takes the huge decision to leave the island.

#### MATHS

Our main areas of focus this half term are:

- Place value
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

You can find our calculation policy and a copy of the Year 6 curriculum on the school's website.

Please encourage your child to play TTrackstars regularly.

#### SPELLING

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be practised during our early morning sessions (from 8:45am - 9.00am) across a two-week cycle. The children will be tested on these words on the Friday of the second week. Our first focus will be words with short or long vowel sounds with 'y' replacing 'i'.

#### SCIENCE

We will begin the school year with our topic Changing Circuits. The children will get the opportunity to further their understanding of electricity through practical experiments involving circuits.

#### PE

This half-term, the focus will be on gymnastics in Indoor PE and handball in Outdoor PE. Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lessons:

6DB - Wednesdays and Thursdays

6A - Tuesdays and Fridays

#### ART

This half term, we will be focusing on self-portraits. We will be exploring a range of artists' interpretations of self-portraits and honing our use of shading and toning as well as the use of different line techniques.

#### COMPUTING

In computing, the children will develop their understanding of how to be safe on line. This will include exploring a range of online scenarios and discussing how these should be dealt with.

#### GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be exploring why global population is changing and will be looking in detail at some of these possible causes: birth and death rates, migration and the impact of climate change.

#### HOME LEARNING

Home learning is an important part of Year 6 as we begin to get the children ready for secondary school:

Maths Home Learning - taken home on Fridays and returned on Wednesdays.

English Home Learning - set on Google classroom on Fridays and due in by the following Friday.

Spellings - See spelling blurb on the left of the page.

#### **Finally. . .**

If you need to get in contact with us, please do so during school hours only: 8:00am - 6:00pm (Monday - Friday) and we will respond as soon as we can. Please note our new email addresses:

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