



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Autumn Terms 1 and 2



Friday 6th

September

Dear Class 6 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and welcome to Class 6. We hope that you have had an excellent summer holiday and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead!

Topic:

Our Autumn 1 topic, **Murderous Mayans**, is a fascinating study of this mysterious South American culture. Over the course of this term, we will be discovering facts and theories about this ancient civilisation. As well as learning about the history of the Mayans and researching the geographic regions that they lived in, we will be studying a Mayan art style, learning about the Mayan religion and investigating Mayan Maths.

Our Autumn 2 topic, **We Can Save The World**, is a topical look at environmentalism and activism. We are looking to book a speaker from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, to help us consider what we can do to protect our local environment, as well as looking at broader global issues through an Amazon rainforest case study and consideration of figures such as Greta Thunberg.

You will find the topic overview attached. This is an outline of the objectives that we expect to cover during the Autumn term within our two topics. You will also find attached the pick and mix home learning sheets for Autumn 1. Pick and mix home learning can be brought in at any point in the week - we will share it as a class on Fridays. The points for each activity are tallied (children are expected to record their on points on the class record!) and count towards certificates at the end of term.

Reading

Children will bring home a banded book from the library to practise their reading at home which should be recorded in their Reading Records. The banding helps us to identify books that are an appropriate level for the children. If you have a question about your child's reading band, please feel free to make a note in their Reading Record. It is really important that, in Year 6, children have a mixture of reading independently, reading aloud to adults and being read to. Asking questions about what has been read is key to help develop children's comprehension skills. We would recommend that children read at home with an adult 3 or 4 times a week.

Times Tables

Children will have regular opportunities to practise times tables in class using times tables rockstar. This is a really good way to support their understanding at home. These are key facts that need to be secure in Year 6 to support quick understanding of more complex subjects.

Spellings

Spellings are handed out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Children should practise by writing 10 sentences to support their understanding of the 10 spellings in context. To further support spellings, we would recommend using spellingframe.co.uk. This is a fantastic resource to support the phonetic understanding of spelling and will also be used in class.

PE:

What days are they likely to be? Superstars provision? What kit do they require?

Other things they need to bring to school daily?

PE sessions will usually take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In terms 1, 3 and 5, we will have sessions from Superstars on Wednesday afternoons. The children will need a white t-shirt, green or black shorts, a change of socks and trainers.

Values:

Generosity and Compassion

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| Giving something we value to someone else | Costly caring |
| Encouraging the best in each other | Offering help |
| Never selfish | Making a difference |
| Enjoying helping others | Putting others first |
| Raising support for a good cause | Always listening |
| Offering what we can | Sensitive to suffering |
| Sharing our time and talents | Service in action |
| Inviting someone to join in | Interested in others |
| Taking care of God's creation for future generations | Offering care and concern |
| You first, me last. | Noticing a need |

Reminders:

Year 6 Curriculum Meeting Friday 13th September at 3.15pm in Class 6.

We have Bikeability booked in for November, and a separate letter will be sent out to book in for this shortly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us and we look forward to seeing you at the Curriculum Meeting. The PowerPoint will be available on the class web page for anyone that is unable to attend.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr George & Mrs Morrison

The Class 6 Team