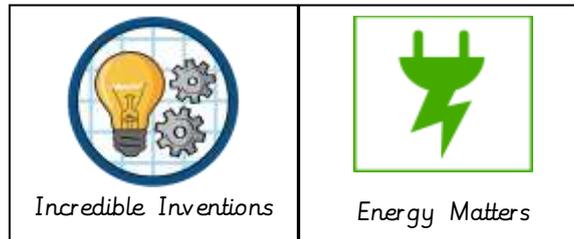




Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Spring Terms 1 and 2



Friday 10th January

Dear Class 6 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and Class 6 after what we hope has been a restful break. We would like to thank you for the gifts we received at the end of last term - they were much appreciated over the holiday! We hope that you are looking forwards to an exciting term.

Topic:

Our Spring 1 topic, **Incredible Inventions**, is an exploration of the skills and characteristics needed to making exciting new discoveries. Over the course of this term, we will be researching the development of famous inventions, such as the telephone, and see how they have changed over time. In our Science sessions, children will have an opportunity to develop their enquiry skills, thinking scientifically about how they should approach an investigation. Our two English texts, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* and *The Templeton Twins Have an Idea*, will help the children get inside the mind of some exceptional inventors!

Our Spring 2 topic, **Energy Matters**, is a case study looking at how we make electricity and how we might do this in the future. The children will be working on an exciting project to decide how to bring electricity to an island nation, developing their map-making skills and understanding of physical geography. Science will focus on developing the children's knowledge of electricity and the factors that affect the performance of circuit components.

You will find the topic overview attached. This is an outline of the objectives that we will to cover during the Spring term within our two topics. You will also find attached the pick and mix home learning sheet for Spring 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 own 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 calculations in other aspects of Maths, such as fractions, division and percentages.

Spellings

Spellings are handed out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Children should practise by writing 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:

PE sessions will usually take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. In Spring 1, 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.

PGL and SATs Meeting

We will be holding a PGL/SATs meeting on Friday 7th February at 3:05pm in Class 6. In this meeting, we will be looking at the PGL daily schedule, probable activities and distributing a provisional kit list. We try to hold this meeting before the half term so that there is time during the holiday to organise any extra kit that may need to be found. We will also be talking about this year's SATs, providing a provisional timetable for the tests and giving some general advice. If you are unable to make this meeting but have questions about either topic, please feel free to contact us beforehand so that we can help.

Values:

Courage and Forgiveness

Carrying on when things are difficult
Overcoming fear
Understanding and facing a challenge
Risking being out of your comfort zone
Always believing in God's promises
Going for a goal
Empowered by encouragement

Forgetting the hurts
Offering a new beginning
Restoring a friendship
Given and received
Identifying responsibility
Valuing the truth
Ending an argument
Not holding a grudge
Encouraging honesty
Saying sorry
Starting again.

Class 6 Spring Term dates for your diary:

Friday 7th February - Y6 PGL Meeting

Monday 16th - Friday 20th March - PGL

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr George & Mrs Morrison

The Class 6 Team