



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Year 6 Autumn Term 2

To the Stars by Canoe - Mayans



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Class 6 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone has had an exciting but restful half term. It has been brilliant to see all the children so eager to be back in our classroom, ready for more exciting learning.

As in Term 1, the Year 6 team will continue with our very high expectations of the children and to encourage them to be independent learners and to show behaviour which is Ready, Loving and Safe. Children are to still come into class and check the visual timetable as well as the board to see their early morning task. Lots of that Diamond Power! Please encourage your child with this as much as possible. Year 6 will continue to have additional responsibilities in school this term. We have these to give our children more responsibility, prepare them for life as young adults but to also set our high expectations in school and be excellent role models for our younger children. We ask that you encourage and support your child with this as much as possible.

Topic:

Our topic is called 'To the Stars by Canoe'. This is a historical topic based on the Mayan civilisation. We will be understanding when the key events of the Mayan civilisation happened compared with the chronology of the history of Britain. We will compare the Maya with the Greek and Egyptian civilisations with a particular focus on their Gods and how they worshipped them. We will be describing the ideas, beliefs and attitudes of all groups of people in the Maya civilisation.

Home Learning:

Children in Year 6 are encouraged to read at least 3-4 times per week and this needs to be recorded, either by the child or parent, in the reading record. Reading records will be checked every week depending on when best suits after our whole class reading sessions. I will be checking reading records every week. This will usually be on a Wednesday or Thursday so please make sure your child has their reading record in school on these days. There will be comments on your child's reading, potential reading

challenges and it will be initialled or stamped if your child has moved a book band level.

The first set of spelling home learning will go home in the first week of the term. Spellings will continue to be a big focus in Year 6. We will investigate spelling rules and patterns throughout the week and then these words, along with the curriculum statutory words for Year 6 will be sent home. Children will be given differentiated spellings for the week, depending on the level they are working at in class. Most children will be given 10 spellings but others might have less. Please use the look, say, cover, write and check format to practise the words at home. Spellings will be given to the children on Monday, investigated throughout the week, followed by a test on Friday. Children will need to be able to spell the Y5/Y6 Statutory Words. This list is in your child's reading record and they have highlighted up to 12 words which they need to practise this term.

We will continue to focus on improving our knowledge and speed of times tables using TTRockstars as well as specific focus sessions in class. Each term we will have a focus for our times tables learning but the expectation is that children will need to know all of these now, with quick recall and application, whilst we are in Year 6. If you would like support at home with times tables then please let us know.

Pick 'n' Mix home learning will be starting the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> November. On the grid, there are a range of homework activities based on English, Maths, Science and Topic. There will also be activities for children to complete on Purple Mash. If children have completed a piece of home learning, they need to bring it into school to share on a Friday.

PE:

PE will be taught on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons. Children are allowed to wear their PE kits in school for the entire day on their PE days.

Value: Compassion.

Costly caring

Offering help

Making a difference

Putting others first

Always listening

Sensitive to suffering

Service in action

Interested in others

Offering care and concern

Noticing a need.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone or make an appointment at our school office.

Thank you in advance for your support. Here's to another wonderful term together.

Miss S. Herbert and the Year 6 Team.