

This Term in Year 6

September 2016

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 6 and introduce ourselves as the Year 6 team:

Teachers: Mr N Armstrong, Mrs B Boden, Mrs G Harrop, Mrs M Martin, Ms S Walsh

Teaching Assistants: Miss M Allman, Mr L Blackhurst, Mrs H Crowley, Mrs S Garbett, Mrs K Hughes, Mrs L Slater

This term promises to be a very interesting and exciting one. We have launched into our topic 'Amazon-GO!' with an exciting visit from Simon Airey - the 'Animal Man'. The children were given the opportunity to learn about, and get a hands-on experience of, a variety of animal species whilst learning about evolution and adaptation.



During this topic we will be focusing on Science.

In **Science** the children will find out:

- What is a fossil?
- Why do animals look and behave differently from each other?
- How can animals be divided into types?
- What is evolution?
- Why do animals become extinct?
- What is a micro-organism?

In **Literacy this term**, we will be exploring a range of writing genres including poetry, journalistic writing, biographies and information texts through the picture book 'Jemmy Button. The Boy that Darwin Returned Home'. We will develop our reading comprehension skills and build on the children's spelling and grammar skills.

In **Maths** we will be beginning our focus on number, in particular the understanding of decimal place value and using and applying numbers to solve interesting real life problems and puzzles.

PE will take place on Thursdays. Multi-sports will also take place every Wednesday. Forest School will replace PE for your child's class on a rolling programme, you will be informed when your child's class will require their Forest School kit rather than their PE kit. Please make sure that PE kit remains in school all week as opportunities to do other PE will be taken whenever possible.

For **PE** your child will need:

- Plain navy blue shorts (blue tracksuit bottoms are permitted for outdoor PE in the Winter)
- White t-shirt
- Trainers
- Socks

There will be 10 weeks of **swimming** which will take place on Tuesdays therefore your child will need their swimming kit in school every Tuesday. Swimming will begin on **Tuesday 20th September**.

In Year 6, it is still very important to find time to **listen to your child read each day** and discuss what they have read. Your interest and encouragement continue to be invaluable in building on the work we are doing in school. Please try to keep reading sessions enjoyable, and fill in their reading record. These need not be long sessions.

All Year 6 children will be given **home learning** on a **Friday** and will be due in on the following **Wednesday**. This will consist of Maths, weekly spellings and one piece of either Literacy or topic related work. We also expect children to learn number bonds and multiplication tables which will underpin many aspects of the maths curriculum. (See our Home Learning policy)

As you know, we set very high standards within school and expect all children to behave well and do their best. Good behaviour and work in the year group will be recognised with team points, rewards and certificates. The school uses a variety of sanctions for any poor behaviour, including a half-hour detention at lunchtime. A letter will be sent to you before any detention listing the reasons for this.

During this term we are very excited about the Year 6 residential visit to Arthog! There will be an information meeting about this later on in the term. We are also planning a visit to Safety Scene. More information will follow.

Adult volunteers can make a huge difference to the range of activities we can offer and are greatly appreciated either on an occasional or regular basis. If you would like to offer your help, then please contact your child's teacher.

Finally, please remember that if you have any problems or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. If you have anything that you would like to discuss or of course you can always catch us in the playground at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Armstrong

Mrs B Boden

Mrs G Harrop

Ms S Walsh

Year 6 Class Teachers