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## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back after the summer holidays! We have a great term ahead of us, with many exciting activities planned.

**Literacy:** We will be reading many books including 'Kensuke's Kingdom', 'Stand Where You Are and Then Leave' and a range of different poetry, which will be used to help us deliver the national curriculum effectively. In Year 6, we will be addressing all the curriculum areas with additional emphasis on the areas which are essential for the end of year SATs. This term we will be focusing on using cohesive paragraphs, writing a setting description, looking at the features of non-fiction instructional texts and continuing to work towards age expected punctuation.

**Reading:** Children should be reading on a regular basis as it remains important throughout Key Stage 2 and your support in reading will aid your child's development. It is important to discuss the book with your child and for your child to try and unpick what is happening, how the characters may feel and why and also why the author chose the style and vocabulary used. Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week, please sign and date your child's reading diary and write a comment if necessary. Reading diaries will be checked the following days: Wednesday and Friday. It is important, however, that your child brings their reading diary and reading book into school **every day**.

**Numeracy:** We will begin the term with written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, moving on to fractions and decimals. As we will be taking part in the year 6 SATs, children are expected to know their times table facts up to 12x12, therefore practising at home is vital. Times tables are particularly important as they form a basis for much of the maths in Year 6, this will support them in being successful with the fraction and decimal units of study. Timestable Rockstars is a useful tool to support children when learning and practicing their times tables.

**Topic:** This term we will start off by looking at WW1 and what daily life was like during the war. In geography this term, the children will be looking at different types of forest biomes. This term the children will be looking at states of matter in science, where the children will take part in a range of practical and exciting investigations. In science we will be studying Evolution and Inheritance and how animals have different characteristics to help them survive in their habitats. We will also look at how light comes from different sources and how it travels to the eye.

**PE:** Children will have swimming on Monday and PE on Wednesday. Children can come into school in their PE kits on Wednesday.

**Homework:** On a Friday, children will receive their homework and it is expected to be handed in on Wednesday. It will usually consist of one literacy and numeracy piece but sometimes they may receive topic homework. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and return it on time. Additionally, accessing websites such as: Times Table Rockstars, Hit the Button and Mathletics, is a great way to enhance their learning at home.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Many thanks,

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