



Welcome to Class 6 and the Autumn term!

Welcome back to school after a lovely long holiday.

We hope you are as excited as we are about coming into Class 6! We have lots of fun and exciting topics this year, including:

Sparks Might Fly!



and



The Gunpowder Plot

Our first English topic is based on the book by Philip Pullman called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', a fantasy novel following the adventures of a girl called Lila who wants to follow in her father's footsteps and become a firework maker. Later in the term, we will be exploring explanation texts, based on our topic theme.

Overview of subjects this term:

English	Fantasy stories Explanations Fairy Tales Classic poetry
Maths	Number and Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and Division
Science	Electricity Sound
Computing	Programming, Algorithms and flow charts Data Handling
RE	Harvest and Called by God
Topic	Science - Electricity - series circuits, switches, conductors, insulators, sound Design & Technology - ICT and electrical systems - control and electrical components. We will be making lighthouses, so please save cardboard tubes and small plastic tubs! Art & Design - using different media to create pictures representing electricity and fireworks. Drawing developed into printmaking, rotating and translating images History - A theme in British history beyond 1066 - The Stuarts - Guy Fawkes - The gunpowder plot Geography - Rubbish and recycling
PE	Invasion games Dance Swimming every Tuesday Morning. If you wish your child to wear goggles, please return the slip at the bottom of the attached letter from the swimming instructors.
Music	Creating - explore, choose, combine and organise musical ideas using an electronic sound source. Mamma Mia - interrelated dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked. Charanga year 3

PSHE	Thankfulness Trust
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Throughout the week, the LKS2 classes are very lucky to be supported by **Mrs Peck, Mrs Pritchard, Miss Waters, Mrs Birnie, Miss North and Mrs Rose.**

Mrs Reece will teach your children on **Wednesday** with a focus on **Music and Art** in the afternoons.

Please can children bring in the following items every day:

- **Named water bottles**

The children can access their water bottle throughout the day and they will change their water regularly.

- **Reading book and record** – Please note that all junior children are expected to write their own review into their books. The needs to include what they liked/disliked as well as any of their favourite parts of the story.
- **Warm, named, waterproof coats!** Also on sunny days due to our lovely, unexpected British downpours!

P.E will be on **Thursday afternoon**. Please can all long hair be tied up and earrings removed on these days. Please can all children have their full **named** P.E kit (including labelled t-shirt, shorts and pumps) in school all term. This kit will be sent home at half-term to be freshened up!

Swimming will be on a **Tuesday morning**. Please ensure your child has their swimming costume and non-baggy shorts for boys in school on this day.

Each week children will have set **homework and spellings** that will reinforce work that the children have already been taught. Spellings will be learnt in class, but it is also important that these are practiced at home also. Homework will be given out on **Friday** to be returned the following **Wednesday**. It is very important homework is completed for further practice and returned back to school in their homework folders. Of course, the children will be expected to **read** their reading books as often as possible, and if we could encourage friends and family to listen to them read this would be fantastic!

Reading books are changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. We would encourage children to read variety of reading material/genres including, newspapers, magazines and websites where appropriate.

Children are expected to write their **own review** in their reading record to show their comprehension and understanding of the text. This could include comments on the story or the plot, their favourite characters or parts of the story, what they liked or disliked and why, what they learned, would they recommend it to a friend etc.

Within class, we also have a reading challenge, where your child will be rewarded for regular reading.



This year, in LKS2, we will be starting a new times tables scheme called 'Times Tables Rockstars'. This is quite similar to 'Mathletics', but only focuses on times tables knowledge. This is partly in preparation for the statutory times tables tests which will be introduced for all children in England in July 2020. More information, including your children's logins and passwords and how to use the online application, will be included in a separate letter which will be sent home with your children) within the next couple of weeks.

As you know, all the children are in the teams: **Respect, Honour, Trust** and **Courage**. Please remember your badges everyday!

We are looking forward to a great and exciting Autumn term in Class 6!

Please feel free to pop in or catch me in the playground if you have any concerns or queries.

Best Wishes,

Mr Haworth

