

## Year 6 - Week Commencing 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

# WELCOME TO YEAR 6!!

A YEAR WITH EXPECTATIONS, ASPIRATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Hello and welcome to Year 6! I hope you have had a great summer and the children are ready to get back to school. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and can't wait to see what everyone will achieve. In Class Six, we are very lucky to have Mrs Carter in class with us full time and Mrs Fitzpatrick will be with us each morning and two afternoons. Mrs Fitzpatrick will teach the class on a Wednesday afternoon whilst I have my PPA time.

The theme this half term is, 'Survival' – please see the next page to see what we will be learning about.

In Year 6 we feel that it is part of our role to help the children get ready for high school. We have high expectations and aim for the very best. I was delighted after the transition afternoons to see that the children are more than ready to be fantastic role models for the rest of the school. In order to help the children with starting to get ready for high school this year, we have introduced homework diaries – these will be used in a very similar way to how West Craven use them. The children will record the homework activities that need to be completed and they will be required to have this signed by an adult and brought into school for checking each Friday. As part of their homework, the children will need to read at least three times a week for about half an hour, every day would be the ideal, but we know that this isn't always possible. They need to record in their homework diaries the reading that they have completed. I love reading and I would like to remind the children that reading doesn't have to always be reading books from school. As part of their reading they could read magazines, newspapers, comics, books on active learn and anything else that they find interesting. In addition to this, a Maths and English task will be set on Active Learn – please let us know if you are unable to access the internet. Please be aware that if the children do not complete their homework tasks, a homework club will be running during Golden Time on a Friday afternoon, where they will be able to complete their homework. Spellings and times tables will be given out each week and will be tested on a Friday.

If you have any concerns, or there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do not hesitate to come and see me. I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to help the children achieve their very best.

Kind Regards

Mrs Green

## Maths

This week we will be looking at the following:

Reading and writing numbers to 10 million

Identifying, representing and estimating numbers using the number line.

Comparing numbers to 10 million,

Rounding numbers to the nearest million and thousand.

Rounding to the nearest whole number.

## English Unit -

### Survival/adventure story

We will be starting the English unit by reading the novel *Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be completing a range of reading activities linked to this that will involve the children working on their inference skills.

As part of our English work, the children will be developing their grammar skills. We are going to start by unpicking what makes a sentence – identifying a subject and verb. We will also be looking at using subordinating conjunctions to create complex sentences.

## Theme this half term.....

The Science unit this half term is 'Evolution and Inheritance.'

The Geography this half term involves looking at the following: Locating the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America. Identifying the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator etc. Human and Physical Geography.

We will be looking in detail at Indonesia, where our class novel is set. This will then lead onto us learning about earthquakes and tsunamis.

RE – Hindu Dharma – Do we have to live our lives a certain way?

Computing: Digital research and e-safety

PE: Invasion games

## Extras

French will be on Tuesday

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

My PPA time will be on Wednesday afternoon.

**Spelling Focus:** Please note that before moving on to Y6 spelling objectives, we begin by revising other year group objectives. This week's spelling pattern is: adding '-s', '-es', '-er', '-ed', '-ing' **suffixes**. The children have ten spelling to practise and will be asked two more unseen spellings to see if they can apply the spelling rules.