



## Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

I can't believe how quickly the first term has gone. Before we know it we'll be packing our bags for the action packed trip to Robin Wood, celebrating the end of the summer term with leavers' assemblies & discos/party events too! So with High school on the horizon, I'm hoping that your child can continue to make the good progress that I've seen from them during the Autumn term.

This term will be just as busy as ever. Our class text is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo which will be used throughout our English work to develop: reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling and writing. We've also identified from autumn term assessments that virtually all pupils were finding the following very tricky aspects of grammar and punctuation difficult:

- Present Perfect Tense
- Sub-Ordinating or Co-ordinating conjunctions
- Subjunctive forms
- Explaining different meaning of sentences with commas in different positions
- Active and Passive voice
- Determiners
- Antonyms
- Using dashes
- Prepositions
- Hyphens
- Possessive pronouns.

Consequently, we have tailored part of our spring term curriculum to focus in on these challenging aspects of the new curriculum, to give them the best possible chance to succeed in their SAT's assessments which will take place from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May this year. On the subject of SAT's, school has also ordered English and Maths CGP revision guides/workbooks which we will be sending home shortly for additional homework to that of the existing number Zumba and spellings.

In Maths we will be covering:

- Co-ordinates
- Number Puzzles & Pyramids (including products of numbers)
- A range of Word problems (involving multi-step and opposite calculations)
- Percentages
- Area and Perimeter
- Ratio and Proportion
- Fractions (including ordering)
- Quadrilaterals
- Translation of shapes
- Mass

- Decimals

Our Science work is linked to our novel and will see us learn and investigate more about Classification of living things. The round the world journey that Michael and his family made during our class text will help us further develop our Geography skills. Art and design will involve us looking at the work of Japanese artist 'Katsushika Hokusai', to try to produce paintings in a similar style. In PE we are fortunate to be working with Pro Skills Director of Sport Mr Senior, who will be working with the children on a range of 'high school' type PE games, to help prepare the children for transition in September.

Thank you for the prompt return of the Pobble parental permission slips. I'm certain that your children particularly will become more motivated in their writing once they can see it being published online and that many other people (not just them & their teacher!) can read their writing, like it and leave positive comments upon it too.

In order to further enhance our ICT curriculum, I'm currently in the process of planning a trip to the National Media Museum to complete an Animation Workshop. The approximate cost of the trip will be around £10-£15 per child, and further information about this will be sent out in another letter/e-mail to you all soon.

Finally, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in your child's final year here at Harden Primary.

Yours sincerely

Mr Weston, Mrs Buckroyd, Mrs Parker and Mr Maiden.