



**Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2017**

Firstly, I would just like to say what an enjoyable first week we have had in year 6. All the children have settled in very well and have been behaving sensibly & maturely - long may that continue!

In Year 6 as well as having myself as full time teacher, we are also fortunate to benefit from Mrs Buckroyd who will be teaching on Mondays & Tuesdays. This allows the opportunity to work in 2 smaller classes for certain lessons, which will therefore enable us to boost progress even further. Our teaching assistant will mostly be Mrs Parker, however Mrs Ashington will also teach Art & DT regularly within Year 6 too.

Please find below an outline of the main objectives and curriculum content which we will be covering over this term (up until Christmas).

**TOPIC:** Equality

**ENGLISH:**

'If' Poetry  
First Person Accounts  
Dialogue  
Letters  
Biography/Autobiography (Nelson Mandela)

**MATHS:**

Number & Place Value  
Calculations (including B.O.D.M.A.S)  
Fractions  
Decimals  
Percentages

**SCIENCE:**

Light & shadow  
Electricity

**COMPUTING:**

Word & Powerpoint  
Databases

**GEOGRAPHY:**

South Africa  
Physical geography-  
Economic activity/ tourism

**HISTORY:**

Non-European Society – South Africa & Apartheid

**LANGUAGES – SPANISH:**

Greetings, numbers to 50, colours, family members, Christmas

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

FRIDAY – outdoor – Football  
WEDNESDAY – outdoor/Indoor – Basketball

**R.E:**

Religion in South Africa

**P.S.H.C.E:**

Equality and Challenging Stereotypes

**HOMEWORK & PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT:**

In addition to this, please also continue to support your child at home by checking and encouraging them to read regularly. Discussing what they've read will not only consolidate their comprehension skills but will also develop their evaluative skills too. If parents are not making a comment in the reading section of the home journal, please can you ensure that your child is filling this in so that we can see how regularly your child is reading outside of school. Like anything, the more practise they get the better they will become and that is certainly our hope for their reading levels. Weekly spellings will also be sent home, to be tested the week after, please check that your child is practising these regularly or even help them to practise them periodically (The cycle will become Monday to Monday starting in a couple of weeks).

Number Zumba will begin soon, with mental maths 'learn by heart facts' that will be sent home weekly. 'Talk Homework' is something new for this academic year & will usually be set at the start of new topics/class texts. There is no expectation for your child to produce a written outcome for this, however if they do want to write/type something up for this that is fine. It will also be really helpful if you could re-enforce lots of times table practise if your child still doesn't know all of them by heart too.

Finally, I'm really pleased with how quickly your child has settled into life in year 6 and I'm really looking forward to working with them throughout this academic year. I'm very hopeful that this group of pupils can achieve excellent results after seeing the work they have produced during this first week of term.

Kind Regards

**Mr Weston**