

# Year 6

## Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all doing well and keeping safe during these unprecedented times. We are so pleased that children have been able to return to school and we look forward to being part of their last year at primary school.

This term our topic is going to be World War I. We are going to be learning about the significant events that led to the start of World War I and the effects it had on people, countries and everyday life.

In English, we will be reading the novel Pax. This is a story about the relationship between a boy and his pet fox. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the two are separated and we will follow them on their journey to be reunited once more.



### **PE**

PE is on a **Monday** afternoon for Year 6. Your child should come to school on that day in their PE kit, they do not need to bring a change of clothes. We ask that children wear their green PE tops and either leggings, jogging pants or tracksuit bottoms. We request, if possible, that their PE kit is dark colours. Children will also need to wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Earrings must be removed for PE.



### **Home Learning**

- Children are expected to read at least **5 times a week**. For each day that they read, they can gain a signature on their reading rocket to help them reach the Sun in our Read for the Stars reading challenge.
- Children will receive **spellings** to learn on a **Monday** and will be tested the following Monday.

To help assist with their spellings, children can go onto 'Spelling Shed' - an online learning platform to practice spellings - at home if they have access to the internet.

- To help them learn their times tables, they should log onto **Times Tables Rockstars**. Each half term children are in a whole school TTRS battle. The more they're on, the more points they gain.



### **E-Safety**

**Safe and appropriate usage of the internet is of the utmost importance to us all.** Therefore, we encourage parents and carers to continue *to be highly vigilant* when the children are using home devices, particularly around social media.

### **Uniform**

Our uniform policy states that children wear black shoes or **plain** black trainers. Hair must be tied up and earrings must be studs that children can remove independently. Children are not allowed to wear any other type of jewellery.

### **Walking home**

In Year 6, children are allowed to walk home by themselves with written consent from parents or carers. We ask that children be respectful of the people who live near the side gate entrance and not to make excess noise. We accept that some parents or carers will want children to carry mobile phones when walking home alone as a source of checking in with their child. If you would like your child to do this, they must turn it off and keep it in their bag till the end of the day. They will not be allowed to use it during the school day. If children do not follow this rule, we will be forced to confiscate it and return it to them at the end of the day.

### **Communication**

This year, we will continue to use Class Dojo as a form of communication between home and school. We ask that you regularly check the site for any messages and updates. As a high proportion of children will be walking home from school alone, the opportunity to speak face to face will be harder therefore if you need to speak to us you can contact us via Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support,  
*Miss Horrigan, Miss Logan and Mrs Heal-Betts*