



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to our first term of Year 6! I hope you all had a wonderful Summer holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready for another great term.

In English this term, we will be using **Floella Benjamin's 'Coming to England'** during our whole class reading lessons during Autumn 1 and then **'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden** during Autumn 2. Our first History topic will be **Black and British** which will cover the influence and impact of Black people in England since the Roman times. In Autumn 2, our history topic will be **World War 2** which will build on knowledge from year 5 when the class studied World War 1.

Our writing focus for the first half-term will be using **'Survivors' by David Long and Kerry Hyndman** to retell a story, write a recount including an inner monologue and write an informal letter. In Autumn 2, we will work on writing **poems** as well as studying and writing our own **non-chronological reports**, linked to our history topic of WW2.

In maths, we will continue working on **place value**. This will be followed by units on **addition, subtraction, multiplication and division** before ending the term with **fractions and percentages**, and **measures and converting units**.

Our science focus will be **Animals including humans** in Autumn 1. This will involve learning about the human body, particularly the heart. In Autumn 2, we will then move on to exploring **Electricity** which will include experimenting with circuits.

Our DT focus this half-term is **Celebrating Culture and Seasonality** which is food technology. Over the half term, the children will analyse, plan and create their food items based on Diwali. Our Art unit is based on **Collage – 2D drawing to 3D making** and will take place during the second half-term.

We will be putting a piece of **maths homework** on maths.co.uk or **English homework** on spag.com every Friday with it due back in the following Friday, this will be communicated via our Friday ClassDojo message to parents. **Spelling tests** will continue to take place on Mondays with 10 spellings being sent home weekly to learn for the test. Times tables rockstars practice for 5 minutes a day and 20 minutes of reading a day will have a hugely positive impact on their progress. This can be independent reading or reading with you but please continue to sign their **reading record** so that we can keep an eye on their progress.

PE kits are required to be worn on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**. A reminder that on all other days, children should be in their school uniform. Jewellery or watches are not permitted during PE lessons so please make sure that children can remove their own earrings or bring in tape to cover them. This is a health and safety issue during these sessions.

A reminder that our Celebration Assemblies are on Monday mornings at 8.50am. You are welcome to attend these when your child is Star of the Week. You will be notified on ClassDojo when your child is Star of the Week.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's education, please get in touch via ClassDojo or catch us on the playground at the end of the day.

Thank you,

Miss Howell and Mrs Moss