

# WELCOME TO YEAR 6.....

## AUTUMN TERM TOPIC LETTER

### What are we doing this term?

**LITERACY** - We will look at biographies and autobiographies of people such as Bear Grylls and famous scientists. We will then move on to looking at journalistic writing and argument with much of our writing based on our World War 2 topic. Some of our guided reading and writing will be based on our fantastic class reader “Goodnight Mister Tom”.

**NUMERACY** - We will start by looking at place value, in particular, decimals. We will then move on to looking at multiplication and division, both mental and written methods. We will also look at finding areas of unusual shapes and drawing angles. Times table knowledge is essential for all areas of numeracy and any help you could give your child practicing their tables at home would be of great help to them. (Maths is all about confidence! knowledge of number facts helps breed confidence.)

**Science** - We studying Evolution and inheritance, adaption, survival of the fittest and passing on of traits. We will then look at light- exploring the way light behaves including light sources, reflection and shadows.

**History** – Much of our Art, DT and music work will be linked to our World War 2 topic. We will be looking at the lives of evacuees.

**Music** – We are exploring rhythm and melody in singing, movement and dance. We will learn some famous songs from the WW2 era that Mr Tom might have sung.

**Computing** – We are developing digital research skills. We are using the internet to aid our history and science research and to create multimedia presentations. We will also be looking at handling data.

**ART** – We are looking at portraits – using drawing skills and will be studying the traditional folk art of east Africa- particularly from Uganda. We will also look at painting inspired by music.

**DT** – Later in the term we will test out our sewing skills! We will be telling jokes as we sew so hopefully we will all be in stitches!

**PE** - We are looking at teamwork and problem solving skills as well as invasion games such as hockey, tag rugby, football and netball. The children will be looking at gymnastics and then invasion games with the Sports Partnership coaches. For a few weeks there will also be an extra session on a Thursday morning looking at team building and outdoor activities.

**PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Children should have normal PE kit (including black pumps) but could also have a tracksuit for cool days.**

**RE** – We will be studying “Life as a journey” and will be looking at the symbolism of ADVENT.

**PSHE** – We are looking at “New Beginnings” and “Getting on and falling out” Also the children will be learning about healthy lifestyles with the Sports partnership.

**GROWTH MINDSET** – We will have regular discussions about how we learn in different ways and how to help ourselves to achieve our very best. We learn about our brain and how we can train our brain for success.

.....In Year 6 we aim to.....**REACH FOR THE STARS!**

### **Homework**

As in previous years, the children will receive homework every week on a Friday. This will include learning times tables, maths sheets, grammar exercises and regular reading. This should be handed in on a Thursday. Children will occasionally be set extra challenges which are optional.

### **Home Reading**

We are very grateful for the support we get from parents with reading. You really make a tremendous difference. In Year 6, the emphasis is particularly on comprehension. I would be grateful if you could continually question your child about the story and discuss the meanings of words. Please, from time to time, could you use the reading record book to comment on your child’s understanding and fluency, particularly at the end of the book.

Children can of course fill in the record themselves when they are reading on their own. Children should aim to read five times a week.

*Later on in the year, I will hold meetings regarding the residential visit, but if you have any question about the trip, or SAT's or high school choices, or anything else for that matter, please come in and see me.*

Mr Marshall

### **Useful Websites for children**

**Hit the Button**-<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> A great site for practising times tables, divisions, doubles, number bonds to 20 100 etc. and square numbers.

### **ICT Games- doubles cards**

**Our school mathematics calculations Policy** – See School website

**SATS PAPERS to view-** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-tests-2018-mathematics-test-materials>

OR <http://www.satspapers.org/ks2> (NB Please **DO NOT** do any papers with your child from 2011-2018 as we will do these in class and it would affect our assessments. Earlier ones are fine)

**Dates for your diary-** SATs WEEK wb 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018