



Green Class – Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and the new academic year!

It has been lovely to welcome all of the children into year six. They have adapted really well to the new safety rules and routines in school, as well as the new expectations of being in year six. We have really enjoyed making the most of our daily slots in the outside spaces, and in particular have had fun playing some team building games. We will continue to incorporate a variety of activities to support wellbeing and positive relationships between everyone in our class.

For the first two weeks we have been exploring a book called 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. Through this book we have considered the topic of kindness, focussing on kindness to ourselves and kindness to others, including the planet. Year six particularly enjoyed creating their own wellbeing toolkits, writing David Attenborough style narratives and creating branching keys for a variety of creatures. We have also spent time considering issues surrounding racism and sharing our hopes and dreams for the future inspired by key historical figures including Martin Luther King Junior and Nelson Mandela.

Every class in school has been timetabled with a number of sessions each day in the outside areas in school – the allotment, field, wooded area and playgrounds. We will be using these times to ensure the children get plenty of fresh air and exercise between classroom based learning and we will be teaching outside when this is possible too.

We have a busy term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning topics we have to look forward to.

Curriculum focus

This term we are going to cover a number of shorter topics linked to our learning in history and geography. Our first topic will be the Anglo Saxons and we will move on to learning about the Vikings. We will be considering key historical events during this time period and developing our skills in map work.

Maths

Our maths sessions will focus on supporting the children to re-activate all their prior learning as well as starting the curriculum for their current year. We will spend the first few weeks working on place value and number work as this is so important for supporting other learning later in the year. Other key areas for Year 6 in the Autumn term are: calculations and problem solving using all four operations, fractions and statistics.

English

This term our fiction and non-fiction writing units will all be based on books. We are using the 'back on track' materials developed by County to support the children with their writing across different genres. We know, from the parent survey results, that this is an area many parents have identified as a focus for children now they are back in school.

Your child will take part in regular teacher led guided reading sessions. Sometimes this will be based on the class novel, and sometimes based on a wider variety of texts. There will be a daily

opportunity for the children to change their reading books in the library. Please make sure your child has a reading book in school every single day.

As always, we will ensure to support all children's individual needs in a variety of ways. Additional support, individualised learning and intervention will continue in the children's bubbles. We will share any further information if necessary with parents in due course.

PE

In PE this term we have started with a focus on Health Related Exercise. We are also taking part in a range of activities to support team building and the development of good sportsmanship. The days for PE lessons this term may change as we take advantage of the weather and lead sessions outside whenever possible. Therefore, it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day, including a long sleeved top and trainers for outdoor PE work. Children with long hair must remember to bring a hair tie. Please note that jewellery should not be worn to school, and will have to be removed for PE for safety reasons. PE kits will be sent home to be washed at the end of the week and then returned the following Monday. Thank you.

Homework

In line with our homework policy, home learning will focus on reading, spelling and maths skills. We will be setting our first homework task next week and will be using on-line platforms for this. We will remind all parents of any usernames and passwords that they need. Setting our home learning in this way will support in the event of children needing to continue their learning at home.

Unfortunately, for now, there are no class assembly dates. However, we will share with you details and photographs of the children's learning in the whole school newsletters on a regular basis.

I hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do contact us via email or phone if there is anything at all you want to discuss.

Kind regards,

Alison Rapson and the Year 6 team