



## **Autumn Term 2**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome to a very busy half term in year 6!

We have lots of exciting and valuable learning opportunities planned for your child and look forward to this half term. Our topic this half term is centred on the enquiry question: *'How can we start a wave of change?'* We will be studying the effect plastic pollution has on our oceans and exploring many marine environments.

We will be investigating the geographical aspects of our planet and learning how a small piece of plastic can travel anywhere in the world's oceans. The children will be conducting lots of independent research into how they can reduce their plastic footprint and how our school can play a part in this for a wider impact on the local community. The children will be required to give presentations, write explanations and create artwork reflecting their learning. We will also be learning to provide 6 figure grid references for locations and studying the evolution and adaptations of penguins.

In art and music, we will be looking at how artists throughout history have spread their messages across the world through the mediums of art, sculpture and music. We will be studying the beautiful art work of Georgia O'Keefe and the children will have the opportunity to provide their own personal representations of this.

In RE, we will be exploring the enquiry question: How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?

In English, we are developing our reading skills, with a particular focus on retrieval and predictions from a text. We will be exploring the short story: 'What's it worth Joey' by Robert Leeson and completing many reading based outcomes. We are also linking our PSHE learning to our English and will be researching the life of Rosa Parks and writing her biography. We will also be completing a Christmas narrative piece of writing linked to the previous John Lewis advert, 'The Bear and the Hare' and will be reading and writing some of our own poetry.

In maths, we will be focusing our learning around fractions, decimals and percentages as well as revisiting all calculations and arithmetic skills. We will also look at position and direction through the use of coordinates. This will involve children plotting co-ordinates in all four quadrants, reflecting and translating shapes. Throughout the half term, the children will have the opportunity to reason and solve problems in a range of contexts.

In year 6, homework is set on a Friday and is due to be returned the following Wednesday. Any children who require support with their homework, have the opportunity to see their teacher at any point during the week and there is a homework club available to attend on a Wednesday lunchtime each week. There is also an expectation that the children are learning times tables and completing their own home reading, which will be celebrated and discussed regularly in class. This should be recorded in the children's reading record books.

Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week. Indoor PE is every Tuesday and outdoor PE is every Wednesday. The children are currently taking part in swimming (Class 11) or (Class 12) gymnastics.

Please continue to read the online newsletter available on the school website for up-and-coming events. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A very busy and exciting half term ahead!  
Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,  
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