Autumn 1 Newsletter

Year 6

ENGLISH

During Autumn 1, children will be reading the story 'Mr Nobody's Eyes' by Michael Morpurgo. Year 6 will be developing their ability to comprehend narratives using the text to support their answer, as well as understanding the reasons why authors use different types of language and punctuation.

From this we will develop our use of language and punctuation in writing sessions with a focus on grammatical features. Our approach to writing will ensure that Year 6 have a clear understanding of the use of each language feature and how to use it independently.

PSHE

Respecting Ourselves and Others

In PSHE, we will be learning about how to communicate with each other respectfully. We will have a focus on dealing with disagreements and managing conflicts in all areas of life.

Mrs Blyth

MUSIC

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Year 6 will be learning to sing and compose music to **'Happy' by Pharrell Williams** looking at how the interrelated dimensions of music relate to this song.

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Design and Technology

Programming Pioneers

In Design and Technology children will be learning about how electronic devices are controlled by embedded computer systems and how we can programme these systems.



SCIENCE

Classifying Living Things

In Science, Year 6 will be learning

how to classify a range of living

organisms. We will look at methods

for classification as well as how to

identify the characteristics and

properties that these living things

can be classified by.

MATHS

Year 6 will begin this year with a focus on arithmetic skills. We will begin by embedding our use of place value and the four operations before applying this to the wider Maths curriculum.

Many of the topics covered this term will involve children using their number knowledge to ensure that they begin to make links between different areas of the Maths curriculum. We will continually assess the progress of children through weekly arithmetic scores which will inform our planning to ensure that children fill any knowledge gaps and have access to what they need to thrive in Maths.

COMPUTING

We are Toy Makers

In computing, Year 6 will be learning how to program toys using hardware and software. We will be using online software to create programs for use with interactive toys to complete tasks including travelling through a maze.

INFORMATION

Year 6 will have PE on a **Thursday**. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kit. <u>Please remember</u> to remove all jewellery before entering school on PE day.

Reading books will be changed regularly so please make sure that your child brings their reading book and Reading Record to school every day.

Welcome Meeting

Our Welcome to Year 6 meeting will be held at 3:30 on Thursday 19^{th} September in the Year 6 classroom.

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What Would Jesus Do?

In Autumn 1, children will be learning to identify features of Gospel texts (for example, teachings, parable, narrative) taking account of the context. Children will suggest meanings of Gospel texts studied, compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret biblical texts, make clear connections between Gospel texts, Jesus' 'good news' and how Christians live in the Christian community and in their individual lives.

HISTORY

Ancient Maya

In History, children will explore the world of the Maya, and debate whether they should continue to be remembered today as a significant culture. The children will learn about Maya today, focusing on architectural achievements, religion and surviving writings.