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 **Year 6 Newsletter**

 **Autumn 2**

 Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the half term break spending time with family and friends. I have thoroughly enjoyed the first half term working with this cohort and I can’t express how determined and hard- working the children are. They put a smile on my face every single day; I really hope this superb attitude continues throughout the year!

There will be a continued focus on reading, so we are kindly asking you to support children with this as much as possible at home. All children need to be reading for minimum of 30 minutes per day, at least 4 times a week. I will be checking the children’s reading diaries every Monday to see if their reading target has been met. If they do this for half of the weeks in a half-term, the children will receive a class reading treat (e.g. in a 6 week half term, they are expected to read 4 times for at least 3 weeks). If they do not read for half of the weeks, they will **not** take part in the reading treat.

Our author for this term will continue to be Michael Morpurgo. We have lots of his books in the classroom and I would really encourage the children to read as many of these as possible. The children have loved reading his books so far and taken an interest in his style of writing and themes.

Our Maths lessons will develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving across all elements of the National Curriculum as well as focusing specifically on arithmetic skills in particular. The children have worked extremely well last half term within arithmetic sessions and I am so proud of how they are developing already!

In Science, we will be looking at reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. Our Scientist this half term is Libbie Hyman.

In Geography, we will be continuing a focus on countries and cities within South America - specifically the weather and location.

History lessons will continue on focusing on WW11 in particular The Blitz, evacuation and the role of women.

 Within PSHE, we will be starting a new topic - safe relationships.

Finally, P.E will be taught by Mrs Kirk. Our P.E days are Thursdays and Fridays. Each day at lunchtime, Mrs Kirk will also be running PE clubs on the playground or field. These will change on a weekly basis and there will be no need to sign up in advance. Children will be able to join in as and when they would like to. To take part children will need their trainers only, but you may prefer to send your child into school in their PE kit on those days. KS1 clubs will be on Monday and Wednesday and KS2 will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will always be running club for both KS1 and KS2.

If you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to email me and I will do my best to reply as soon as I can. Thank you for continued support.

Kind Regards,

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