



## Year 6 Autumn B Curriculum Newsletter

**This half term in English, we will study the book *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty.**

In class, we will be reading *Street Child* from which the children will have the opportunity to write in various styles including: narrative writing to build tension and atmosphere, exploring emotive language through writing in role and describing settings.

During Parliament week (week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023) we will explore persuasive language and write a letter to our local MP about an issue of concern to us e.g. litter, building on green spaces, road safety, improving parks etc.

### **SPAG**

In grammar, we will be looking at pronouns, standard English, apostrophes, modal verbs, colons, semi colons, expanded noun phrases, commas, Discrete spelling lessons will take place using the Spelling Shed scheme and children should be accessing spelling games on Spelling Shed at home.

### **Reading**

Books read in English will continue to test our comprehension and expand our vocabulary knowledge. Reading for mastery sessions will ensure a range of different genres are being read. The children will be completing twice weekly comprehensions in reading for mastery based on a new text each session.

### **Maths**

In maths, we will be spend time developing our understanding of fractions this half term. This will include: comparing and ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers, multiplying and dividing fractions and finding fractions of amounts. The children will use manipulatives and images such as fraction walls to find equivalent fractions, they will also learn the abstract method for how to find equivalent fractions. Children will be able to apply all of this knowledge to be able to solve more complex problems, often with multiple steps, involving fractions.

### **KIRFs – Key Instant Recall Facts**

This half term our KIRFs are:

Know all previous bonds including decimals.

Know the addition and subtraction facts for two place decimal complements of 1

Know doubles and halves of 1 digit decimals

Please follow this link to our website with further ideas on how you can help your child practise these instant recall facts at home.

***Click here for further support with Maths @ Moorlands***

## Science

In our new topic on Electricity, the children will be learning to associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. They will compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. They will also be learning to use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

## Foundation Subjects

**DT** – The children will be working in groups to create a working alarmed box, making links with their knowledge of creating an electrical circuit from Science.

**RSHE** – This half term, in RSHE, the children will be learning about rights and responsibilities, the role of the British Parliament, caring friendships and respectful relationships.

**COMPUTING** – The children explore how websites are created using HTML and will create their own multi-page website on an area of interest, using the platform 'Google Sites'.

**P.E.** – Our focus for PE this half term is dance where the children will be working with a dance coach. They will also be focusing on modified games through football where they will work on their passing skills, the ability to control a ball with different parts of their foot and making tactically decisions during game situations.

**MUSIC** – The children will be learning the Song 'You've Got a Friend' and using keyboards to accompany this song.

**FRENCH** – During this half term the children will revisit personal information question and answers, and extended feelings. They will recall how to give opinions of school subjects including reasons and recall numbers to 60. Children will also be introduced to the 'o'clock' structure in French and key daily routine phrases.

## Reminders and Homework

Homework will be assigned on Tuesdays to be completed by the following Monday. This will be practise of key skills taught that week in school. Your child will bring home a maths homework practise book and a grammar practise sheet each week. There will also be weekly spellings sent home to learn, that will be tested in school the following week. We encourage the children to practise their spellings on Edshed, using the Spelling Bee programme. Your child has their own log in details for this. Please contact your class teacher if you need a new log in sending home. Times tables are to be rehearsed on Times Table Rockstars [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

The recommendation is that children should be reading for 20 minutes each day. Reading books can be changed whenever the child has finished their book. Now the children are in Year 6, the main importance is that they are enjoying what they read. Children are welcome to read their own books from home, library books or take a book from the classroom bookshelf. Please spend some time discussing with your child, the texts that they read at home. This will support them when answering comprehension questions on a text and with their understanding of inference.

Children must have a labelled PE kit that remains in school. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure your children can remove the earrings independently or provide them with tape to apply. Hair bobbles also for longer hair.

### Contact Details

Please see below class email addresses for the teachers if you need to send a message to your child's class teacher:

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Please note that these emails may not be checked on a daily basis, please contact the School Office on 01484 655800 if your query is urgent or we can speak to you before or after teaching hours.

### Important Dates

8<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evenings

13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November – Bikeability for those children who have booked on. Please see separate email sent for your child's specific dates.

20<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – Year 5/6 Christmas performance.

21<sup>st</sup> December 6.30pm – Year 5/6 Christmas performance.

22<sup>nd</sup> December -Children finish for Christmas holidays

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Children return to school

