



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to year 6! It is so great to have everyone back in school. We are getting back to normal school life but there are still a few routines in place to keep us all safe and the staff and children have returned to school very enthusiastic and eager to get learning; and this term we have lots of exciting things planned; we will be very busy.

### **Topic**

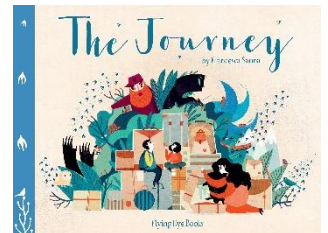
In our topic lessons this term we will be learning about Prehistoric People. We will learn about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age People who lived locally and track how Britain changed. To start our topic, we will be going up to Ilkley Moor with Ruth and Pippa from Forest school to look for evidence of ancient people.



### **English**

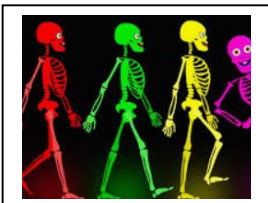
This half term our class book is called 'The Journey'. Endorsed by Amnesty International,

Published in 2016, it follows the journey of refugees to a new land. We will use The book as a stimulus for poetry and for persuasive writing on the issues of freedom and the rights of people. We will also look at refugee stories using the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan.



Spellings will be taught explicitly in school and children can test their spelling ability in the class Spelling Bee towards the end of term.

In **Maths** this half term, we will focus initially on place value before moving onto the four operations. We will develop fluency in calculations whilst also using reasoning and talk to develop pupils' ability to tackle a range of questions and problems.



The **Science** lessons this term, will be learning about our bodies. We will learn about the skeleton, muscles, digestive system and circulatory system. If any of you have expertise in these areas please contact Mrs Leach as we would love to have a visit from an Expert.

**PE** will take place every Thursday afternoon. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kits.

**French:** The topic for this half term will be food, providing a perfect opportunity to develop extended sentences to express opinions and preferences. A French taster picnic will be incorporated, in which children will be encouraged to practise their politest French phrases

**Music:** All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Happy, a Pop song by Pharrell Williams. We will also be learning the Young Voices songs and dances.

**Early Morning Learning:** We plan to meet with every pupil for 1:1 feedback on a rolling basis, during which time pupils will complete daily arithmetic, reading roles and Grammar and Punctuation activities. Additional support will also be planned into our class provision map.

### **HOME LEARNING:**

We will send out Reading Roles to complete as home learning. As the year progresses, other home learning may go home but you will be informed prior to it going out.

- **Book exchange:** Children will be able to change their books on a Friday. We are hoping to start weekly sessions in our newly re-vamped school library, once it opens in a couple of weeks.
- **Autumn term topic project:** This will be posted on Google classroom.

### **Water Bottles**

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

### **Hand Sanitiser and Hand Cream**

Part of the school routines include frequent handwashing. In addition to this, children may bring and use their own hand sanitiser. This should be in a named bottle and kept with your child's personal belongings. If your child begins to develop sore hands because of the frequent washing they can have a small bottle of hand cream. Again, this should be named and kept in their school bag.

Finally, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Please Remember:**

For the Forest school trip (Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Sep) **children will need to bring:**

a coat and; a water bottle (at least ½ litre); packed lunch

#### **and wear:**

sturdy footwear, robust trainers or light weight boots rather than wellies (as we will be walking a lot) long sleeves and long trousers.

Best wishes,  
The Year 6 Team

(Peter  
Timms,  
Leach and  
Sedgwick)

#### **Dates for Your Diary**

- **PE every Thursday**
- **Forest school on 16.9.21**
- **Home learning Gallery using Google Classroom to be arranged**
- **Spelling Bee Competition to be confirmed**

Sandy  
Gina