



Year 6 Information - Autumn Term -

Welcome back. We hope that you had an enjoyable break.

Our topic this half term is '**Incredible India**'



English This term we will be studying a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction writing. We will be using our English scheme 'Wordsmith' to access books digitally and be linking the Wordsmith themes across our curriculum. We will be working closely on global and local issues and suggesting ways that we ourselves can make a difference.

Alongside our writing, we will also be exploring speaking and listening skills surrounding the topic of sweatshops, Jeans for Genes, other countries and debating our opinions on current affairs. In addition, we will be focusing on basic SPAG skills, with our ongoing work on grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Spelling We are introducing a new spelling scheme this year. It is very interactive and will be in short burst sessions every week, three times a week. This will encourage children to learn slowly and surely focusing on word patterns and strategies. New spelling will be sent home every week.

Grammar Hammer is every other week focusing on teacher led sessions in smaller groups to get bite size sessions of the new grammatical terms within the new curriculum.

Maths We will be covering aspects of number sense, place value and calculations according to the New Curriculum, linking where possible lessons to topics to enable real life maths. We will also be focusing on fraction, decimal and percentages and also covering the theme of scales. We will be following the 'mastery' approach, where children will have the opportunity to work through arithmetic and reasoning activities using a range of resources to support.

Basic Skills Will be every other week with a focus on particular skills each week. The children will be grouped in smaller groups for maximum impact.

Science Our Science curriculum this term covers evolution and inheritance where we will be looking closely at scientific views, discoveries and theories.

Computing We will be developing our skills using various software such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel. We will also be completing the topic "We are Computational Thinkers" which will help us develop an understanding of some important algorithms (instructions!). This is a topic that will use our logical thinking skills and allow us to use a lot of the skills already acquired.

PE During the Autumn term, P.E will be on Friday afternoons. We will be linking this to our dance programme and incorporating some Indian themes.

R.E This half term we will be focusing on rules, Christianity and similar themes and discussing citizenship.

DT and Art Our Art and DT will be closely linked to India and the arts and crafts associated with the cultural aspects of India.

British Values This half term we will be researching and exploring the rule of law.

Paths As part of our day, we shall be discussing and exploring feelings and changes associated with year 6. We aim to use our VIP system to enable pupils to talk about themselves, others and learning to express ourselves.

Homework will to be set and collected on **Tuesday (Spellings)** and **Thursday (Times Tables)**.

Each week your child will be given:

- **A times table activity** to complete in the homework book. This will be set on Thursday and handed in the following Thursday. *Please practice your child's target tables throughout the week in addition to them completing the task in the book and handing in on Thursday.*
- **A spelling sheet** to fill in with the week's spellings. This will be set on Tuesday and handed in the following Tuesday. *Please also practice your child's spellings throughout the week in addition to them filling in the sheet and handing in on Tuesday.*
- **A reading book and reading diary.** *Please ensure your child reads 3 times a week at least and when reading, please allow time to ask your child questions to help develop their comprehension and understanding. The diaries will be checked every Thursday and children will be asked to make up reading time during school time if they have not read enough during the week.*

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 12th September - Year 6 Parents SATs & Secondary Transfer meeting 6pm

Wednesday 27th- Friday 29th September- PGL residential

Friday 29th September- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

As always, thank you for your continued support.

The Year 6 Team