**Curriculum Newsletter** – Spring 1, Year 6

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**Useful Information**

**Reading:**

We recommend reading at home at least three times per week, but the more the better! We have a rewards scheme in school where after 15 reads, each child will get a prize and will also get entered into our half-termly prize draw for an Amazon voucher. The more you read, the more chances you’ll have!

**Homework:**

Homework is uploaded onto SeeSaw each Friday and is due by the following Friday. It will usually be Maths or English based, linked to what we have been learning in school.

Spellings are also sent out weekly and are due in each Friday for the test.

**DT:**

Our DT unit will be towards the end of the Spring term and will be linked to our Science unit. The children will use their knowledge of electrical circuits to create car alarm systems.

**PE:**

PE will take place on a Monday and Friday. Both indoor and outdoor kits are required in school for both lessons.

Thank you for your continued support as we work with your Y6 children. If there is anything you’d like to discuss further, feel free to get in touch with us via the school office.

**Mathematics**

In Maths, we will continue to work on the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – both with whole numbers and decimals. We will recap on fractions too, again looking at the four operations when we use them.

New for the Spring term will be ratio including using ratio language accurately for the first time and splitting a given amount in a ratio. They will then use their knowledge to draw scale diagrams. Children will also be introduced to formal algebra and how to solve basic equations.

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**French**

Children will explore the names of different items of clothing and then being asked to describe what different characters are wearing.

**PSHCE**

Children will explore life in the wider world by discussing rules and responsibilities, including how law and order impacts upon our everyday lives.

**Religious** **Education**

In RE lessons, the unit of ‘Faith through Art’ will be continued, with children exploring how art is used in different religions.

**Art/Music**

‘What secrets live in the forest?’

Children will explore this by reading ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ then responding in both artistic and musical form.

**PE**

The unit for the next half term is gymnastics, where children will explore their flexibility and strength skills to then form a short routine.

**Science**

Electricity:

We will look at simple circuits as a recap from Y3 before using the circuit equipment to create our own games.

**English**

We will share the novel ‘Wonder’ by RJ Palacio during the term as a basis for all of our written work. The story goes down very well with our Year 6 children every year, who enjoy reading about Auggie (the main character) and the first time he experiences going into school as he has previously been home-schooled because of his medical condition. During the half term, the children will debate over the pros and cons of home-school vs traditional schooling and will also write a character description about one of the character’s we meet along Auggie’s journey.