



## Autumn Term 1 Y6 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to give everyone a warm welcome back after the Summer break. Our class topic this half term is History - Crime and Punishment since the Middle Ages. I believe it is really something for Y6 to get their teeth into and to voice their own opinions. By providing pupils with a broad chronological sweep of nearly a thousand years this makes a significant contribution to pupils' grasp of the long arc of time. Each lesson will start with an enquiry question - the object is to open up informed debate, relating issues to the present day wherever possible. In this way this topic will make a major contribution to pupils' citizenship education. Above all the topic helps pupils to develop a deeper understanding of crucial historical concepts: change, continuity and turning points.

In our English lessons this term we are studying Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book*. *The Graveyard Book* tells the story of how a young boy comes to be raised by ghosts, and a guardian, Silas, who is neither dead nor alive(!). They name the boy Nobody Owens and everyone calls him Bod. Bod is very inquisitive, and as such he gets himself into all sorts of trouble. It is made clear to him that he needs to stay inside the graveyard to be safe from the dangers outside. We will be using this excellent text to inform all reading and writing work – with the end goal of writing a suspense story.

In Maths the children term we will be revisiting and building on children's knowledge of Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. We strongly encourage children to continue to practise their timetables knowledge using Times Table Rockstars as much as possible because a secure knowledge of these facts will really help in all areas of the Year 6 Maths curriculum.

PE will be Tuesday (Basketball) and Friday (Tag-Rugby). Please make sure your child has outdoor trainers and warm clothes because we will be outside as much as possible weather permitting. **For the time being, it is helpful if you only send PE kit only on the day of the PE lesson since our cloakrooms are not in use due to COVID safety measures.**

We would really like the children to read every day (either independently or to an adult) for at least 15 minutes. We will be monitoring reading diaries and rewarding the children who do read frequently and regularly. We would like reading books and reading diaries to be in school every day so that adults in school can also hear them read.

### SATS

As a school we support our children through the SATs. We want them to do the best that they can and we encourage them to do this in every way. The children may be given additional work to complete at home in preparation for these important assessments. Please support us by ensuring your child completes work (to the best of their ability). Please see the Class 6 webpage for additional SATs information, including important dates. **Please be aware the closing date for secondary school applications in 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.** The letter is attached. Please read the guidance and speak with either Mr Edwards at the end of the day or leave a message with the office if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Edwards

Y6 Teacher & Senior Leader