# Term 1 Year 6 Parent Overview

A huge welcome back to a new school year. We are looking forward to an exciting year in Year 6.

All homework, which includes reading comprehension, maths and spelling, will be sent home on a Tuesday and will need to be handed in on a Monday. Reading records will be collected on a Friday. PE days are Monday (indoors) and Wednesday (outdoors) so please send your child to school in PE kit on those days. Below is an overview of the topics that we will be covering during term 1. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you. Miss Sinton (Class Teacher Tuesday-Friday), Mr van den Broek (Class Teacher Monday), Mrs Price (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Millward (Teaching Assistant).

# **English**



We will begin this term focusing on a fiction text called The Caravan. We will be looking at descriptive writing, focusing on creating atmosphere using the weather and dangerous settings. We will use the text to help us write our own Warning Tale. We will then look at a beautifully illustrated book called The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan.

### Maths



This term we will be focusing on two key areas in maths: Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division. We will start the term, reading and writing, comparing, ordering and rounding numbers to 10,000,000. We will then learn about factors, multiples, prime, square and cube numbers, before moving on to written and mental calculations with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### Science



Our topic this term is light. The children will be learning about how light travels and how we see, including shadows. We will then explore refraction and how periscopes work. We will identify who Sir Isaac Newton was and what he discovered, culminating in a biography about him.

If your child has any information books about light or Sir Isaac Newton, please bring them in for us to look at and share.

# History



This term our History unit will focus on The Ancient Maya. During this topic, we will be learning about Mayan writing and how we interpret this today. We will explore the Mayan number system and their calendar. We will find out about the Mayan ball game Pitz and understand how this compares to football. We will study Mayan art and architecture and explore the areas in which they lived.

# RE

In RE the children will be learning about the Christian creation story and the scientific explanations of evolution and the Big Bang theory. The children will look at different opinions and reflect on whether creation and science are conflicting or complimentary.

# French



French will be taught by Mr Ponting and supported by Miss Sinton. This term the children will be revisiting their learning from last year and then learning about the weather.

# Wellbeing



We will start the term by focusing on the transition into their new class and focusing on belonging. The children have begun some of their roles and responsibilities in Year 6. For the rest of the term we will focus on what it means to be a good friend and how to be assertive when necessary.

# Computing



In ICT this term we will be learning to design a 3D representation of a Mayan pyramid on Tinkercad. We will be learning how to place 3D shapes together to form our pyramids after researching the key features. We will be considering the scale and adding design features which we may have expected to see in a Mayan temple.

PE



We will have indoor PE on a Monday afternoon and outdoor PE on a Wednesday afternoon. Please can you ensure your child comes into school in their PE kit on a Monday and Friday. May we also remind you that this is, blue or black joggers or shorts, a white t-shirt and a school jumper or school hoodie.