



Year Six Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Six. This is a very important and exciting year in your child's education. As you know children will be sitting SATs in May, because of this it is essential that children attend school every day and arrive on time. School starts at 8.50 am, with learning beginning as soon as the children are settled.

As part of your valued support it would be helpful if you could encourage your child to read daily and record this in their reading record books. In addition to daily reading, home learning will be set on half termly basis, with children choosing a couple of activities per week from their homework grids. This can be brought in to be checked on a Wednesday. We are hoping throughout the year to develop your child's independence in preparation for secondary school and it is important that they are properly equipped for lessons. P.E. kit consists of white t-shirt and dark shorts for indoor P.E. and tracksuit bottoms and tracksuit top for outdoor games. Trainers must be worn for outdoor games.

Banneker Outdoor P.E. is on alternate Tuesdays

Darwin Outdoor P.E. is alternate Tuesdays

Banneker Indoor P.E. is on a Friday (Before half term)

Darwin Indoor P.E. is on a Friday (After half term)

Our topic for this term involves a study of Brazil and the Amazon basin. Children will explore the key physical and human characteristics of this area, whilst honing and developing their geographical skills. They will use maps, atlases and explore digital/computer maps of the area, which will help them to learn about similarities and differences between Britain and Brazil.

Literacy:

In literacy we will begin by studying biographies and linking this with our science work on Charles Darwin. The children will produce a range of quality writing outcomes, including: reports, diaries, recounts and narratives. During reading sessions we will be focusing on a range of skills, including: comprehension, retrieval, inference and helping children to explain how meaning is enhanced through their choice of words and phrases. We will be studying the book 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio and moving on to 'Grimm Tales' by Phillip Pullman later in the term. We will be taking the children to the Unicorn Theatre in London to see a performance of the Grimm Tales. To support their learning the children will benefit enormously from regular reading at home, as well as revising spellings and grammar rules learned in class as part of their home learning.

Maths:

During this term the children will continue to follow the Inspire Maths Series. You can support your child by practicing their recall of multiplication and division facts.

Science:

In Science we will be studying Evolution and Inheritance and looking at plants and living things and their place in the environment. As part of this we will be visiting The Natural History Museum for a workshop on Evolution. Later on in the term we will also be learning about Changes in Nature and how animals are able to adapt to their environment.

Should you have any queries throughout the term please feel free contact us or speak to us at the end of the school day.

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