

YEAR 6 AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022



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we love, grow and learn."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back! We hope you all had a restful summer and that the children are ready to begin their first half term as our Year 6 Class of 2023. I could not be more delighted to have such a lovely bunch of children in my class this year. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone, both on our transition days and during our first week back in school. We are going to have the most wonderful year, filled with learning and laughter — I'm determined to make it their best one yet. We are very lucky to have Mrs Wood working with us to support us this year, and Mrs Pounder will be delivering PE lessons on Wednesday afternoons.

In English this half term, we will be studying the author Louis Sachar and reading 'Holes' – a witty, poignant and at times heart-breaking novel set in the infamous juvenile detention centre Camp Green Lake. Using this quality literature as a stimulus, we will be building up to incidental and extended writing opportunities to embed and solidify our grammatical knowledge with emphasis on sentence composition, figurative language and using ambitious and effective vocabulary. We will be focusing on word classes including nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, determiners and prepositions. In addition, reading sessions will enable children to practise retrieving key information and making inferences of details both stated and implied.

In maths this half term we will be looking at place value, deepening our conceptual understanding through comparing, ordering and rounding numbers. Every maths lesson will include fluency, reasoning and problem solving elements and there will be plenty of opportunity to apply what they have learnt in real life scenarios. We will also focus on our arithmetic skills and consolidate the four operations. Every Monday, our maths lesson will be focused on mental strategies and knowing our times tables up to 12 x 12 off by heart.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My door is always open! Let the adventure begin...

Mrs Brooke



Important Days

Wednesday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Friday:

Spelling Test and reading books changed

Important Dates

Wednesday 14th September
9:15 – 10:15
Open classroom

Monday 19th September
15:30
Year 6 Residential Meeting

Thursday 22nd September
Individual photographs

Sunday 25th September
11:00
Family Mass in church

Friday 24th September –
2:15pm
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 29th September
Year 6 Darker Skies Project

Friday 30th September
9:15
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September
11:00
Year 6 class Mass in church

Monday 3rd October
16:00
Year 5 and Year 6 English parent meeting via Zoom

WC Monday 10th October
Year 6 Peat Rigg Residential

Tuesday 18th October
Parents Evening 4 – 6:30pm

Thursday 20th October
Parents Evening 4 – 6:30pm

Thursday 20th October
School closes for half term

