



Year 6 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mr Edwards would like to give everyone a warm welcome back after the Autumn Half Term break. Our class topic this half term is Geography – The Amazon. The unit builds on previous work the children have done in Key Stage 1 on rainforests and climate, and the units of work on North America and Climate in Lower Key Stage 2. By looking at the Amazon region children will be exposed to how this vitally important region is undergoing change and why the Amazon region is globally significant both ecologically and environmentally. We will be linking the Amazon to parts of the UK which are also special and threatened.

In our English lessons this term we are studying the classic Goodnight Mister Tom. This Year 6 is about the experiences of a Second World War evacuee and his growing relationship with the old man with whom he is billeted. The carefully described details of their everyday life as they get to know each other better allows the two characters and a rich cast of lesser characters to develop against an authentic historical background. The book explores themes of empathy, kindness, family, feelings within the context of WWII.

In Maths the children term we will be revisiting and building on children's knowledge of Fractions and decimals. 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 (Netball) and Friday (Hockey). Please make sure your child has outdoor trainers and warm clothes because we will be outside as much as possible weather permitting.

We would really like the children to read every day (either independently or to an adult) for at least 30 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. **Every Y6 child has been signed up for additional online tutoring afterschool club every Tuesday and Thursday (3.30pm-4.00pm).** These sessions will run every term time week between now at May 2023 (Y6 SATs week). Please ensure your child attends these sessions for additional boosting in preparation for SATs. Please see the Class 6 webpage for additional SATs information, including important dates.

If you have any questions, please send me a message on Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Edwards

Y6 Teacher