



# Curriculum Letter for Year 6

## Autumn Term 2020



### General Information

Welcome to Year 6. The children have settled in well and are becoming familiar with the routines, expectations and timetable with all its new changes. Thank you to you and your children for adapting to these new arrangements so easily and readily. Your children have all shown great resilience.

As the new leaders in the school, the Year 6 pupils set an example by wearing smart and correct uniform at all times. House Points are awarded to Year 6 pupils for effort, achievements and the contributions they make to our school community.

### Curriculum

In Year 6 there are three groups for both Maths and English. This includes the two Year 6 teachers plus Miss Mann and Mrs Statham. These groups are fluid and are changed frequently. This system works very effectively and helps to get the children used to a range of teachers and teaching styles. **Maths** this term will build on the pupils' knowledge of place value and the four operations and focus on becoming fluent in number. In **English**, we will use the themes of Myths and Legends and Shakespeare to explore a range of writing genres.

In **History**, we are studying the topic '*The Impact of War*'. In this unit, the children will research and compare the impact of the First and Second World Wars on their locality. After half term in **Geography**, they will be studying the topic '*South America: The Amazon*'. In this unit, children will find out about the Amazon region of South America, considering what it is like to live in the region as well as how it is being damaged and how it can be protected.

This half term in **Science**, we will be learning about '*Classifying Living Things*'. The children will study classification and create keys to sort animals. They will also develop their knowledge by looking at fungi and bacteria. Our second science topic is '*Light*'. We will look at how light travels and also how light is reflected and shadows are formed. They will also look at coloured light and rainbows, and use scientific skills to raise and answer questions.

The **RE** unit focuses on the survival of the Christian message, including the commercial impact on Christmas.

In **Music** will continue with the use of the program 'Charanga' and we will be learning about Jazz!

The British artist, illustrator and teacher - Evelyn Dunbar will be our focus in **Art**. She is notable for recording women's contributions to World War II on the United Kingdom home front, particularly the work of the Women's Land Army.

### PE days

Year 6 PE day is on Thursdays with Coach Romaine. They should come to school in their PE kit.

### Reading and Spellings

Our expectation is that **daily** reading happens at home and there is an online reading record on Teams, for adults to make a comment. Children must also have a reading book in class every day, as this is part of the daily guided and independent reading session. They will be keeping a record of this, at school, in their reading record. 6B's class read is currently: *Soldier Dog* and 6W's is *Friend or Foe*.

Spelling lists for Y5 and 6 will be sent home and children will be required to learn these throughout the year. Spellings will be used in their writing and tested, when necessary.

### Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday on Microsoft Teams and is due by the following Wednesday. MyMaths will also be used as a homework tool.

### Key Dates

Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop – Wednesday 14th October

Half term – 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

*With God's love, we live, learn and grow together*