

# Year 6 – Term 1

Welcome back to a new school year.

We are really pleased with the way the children have settled in and are eager to start learning lots of new and exciting things.

## English

During English this term we are focusing on the book: "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom," by Louis Sachar.

We use this text to write in role, dramatise scenes to develop character understanding, and discuss issues raised.

The focus this term will be our presentation and use of GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling).

## Maths

The children will build on their Year 5 learning and cover areas such as place value to 10,000,000, fractions and decimals, algebra, geometry and data. It is important that they know their times tables and number bonds.

## Term 1 – Our topic is Hola Mexico!

The focus is the Maya Civilisation. The children will be developing their geographical and historical knowledge of this ancient civilisation.

## Science – Animals Including Humans (heart, lungs, blood)

During this topic the children will plan enquiries, collect and record data and interpret results.

## PE

Children will have two sessions a week. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing. We will be doing outside PE unless the weather is severe.

<u>Ben Nevis 6</u>	<u>Scafell 6</u>
Friday - Indoor – Circuit Training	Monday - Indoor – Circuit Training
Thursday - Outdoor – Hockey	Wednesday - Outdoor – Hockey
Friday - Swimming	Friday - Swimming

Please note the dates for SATS week are 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## Homework

**Maths Homework:** This will be set every Wednesday. It is a sheet encompassing all areas of the curriculum. We would recommend that the children spend 20-30 minutes completing as much as possible. Please return all completed work by the following Monday – house points will be awarded.

**Home learning:** The children will have opportunities to research Mexico and the Maya Civilisation. They can choose any activities from the list provided.

**Spellings:** We will be learning the list of the Year 5/6 compulsory spellings.

**Reading at home:** In Year 6 we expect children to read and record between 5-7 times a week (20 minutes). Children who manage to read 7 times are rewarded with 5 minutes extra play on a Friday.

## School Trips this year

Term 2 – Carol Singing at Broad Oak

Term 3 – In school Victorian Day - Experiencing life as a Victorian child. *Approximate cost £8.00*

Term 5 – Horton Kirby Environmental Centre. - Linking in with our science and geography topics. *Approximate cost £10.00*

Term 6 – PGL trip

Rochester Cathedral leavers' service – Paid for by the school

*(End of year celebrations cost around £20.00 – Organised by parents)*

We are looking forward to the year ahead and appreciate your support.

Miss Greenbank, Miss Dinan, Miss Thompson, Mrs Turner and Miss Wallington