

# NEWSLETTER

## For CLASS 6

### January 2018



## Happy New Year!

I hope you had a peaceful holiday and are ready for another exciting - and busy - term. During this term, through our topic of "Life at Sea" we will be exploring a range of human and animal experiences of the environment of the sea.

## Diary Dates

26<sup>th</sup> January: Teacher Training Day

1<sup>st</sup> March: World Book Day

12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> March: Shakespeare Week

15<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March: Parents' Evening

## Sports

Class 6 P.E. will take place on Tuesday afternoons with Mr Gallagher and Thursday afternoons with Mrs Stock.

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/P.E. kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos), red shorts and black pumps (please check the size!). P.E. kits should remain in school every day and will be sent home half termly. An outdoor sports kit (dark blue or black tracksuit, white T-shirt and trainers) will also be required.

Children should also bring a carrier bag for wet trainers/clothes, which will then be sent home.

## Homework Information

Homework should last approximately half an hour - if your child is struggling to finish, please sign their work to signify this or write a note in their homework diary. The diaries are a valuable source of communication between home and school, so please ensure your homework diary is in school every day.

### Homework schedule:

*Issued: Wednesday*

*Due in: Tuesday*

1. A mental strategy and multiplication tables to learn for the mental maths test on Monday.
2. Spellings to learn ready for the spelling test on the following TUESDAY.
3. Topic/Maths
4. Science/English

## Our Curriculum



This term our "Life at Sea".

**ENGLISH:** We will continue with our focus on developing the use of a wider range of punctuation and increasing our writing stamina through story writing (including myths) and newspaper articles. In our reading activities, we will continue to explore a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts in our preparation for the Reading SAT in May.

**MATHEMATICS:** Our focus will be: calculating with decimals; application of percentages; solving algebraic expressions and ratio problems. We will also explore properties of shapes, data handling and angles.

**SCIENCE:** We will begin by studying living things and their habitats, including methods of classification. We will then move to exploring evolution and inheritance.

**GEOGRAPHY:** We will investigate the environment of the sea, considering both human and physical geography.

**ART/DT:** We will be looking at observational drawings and then translating these into clay sculptures.

**ICT:** We will be using spreadsheets to analyse data and create presentations using the results.

**RE:** Our studies of the Christian and Hindu faiths will include: considering how key beliefs impact on how people live their lives.

**PSHE:** We will focus on our safety including safety on-line, before moving on to considering ways to support one another as we prepare to transition to secondary school.

**FRENCH:** We will continue to increase our vocabulary, and apply this in both spoken and written French.

**MUSIC:** We will be further developing our knowledge of how to play the saxophone (specialist music teacher).

## And finally...

As the weather starts to turn colder, please could you ensure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing for break and lunchtimes.

We are looking forward to a busy term which will involve lots of challenges and successes as we prepare for our SATS in May. Please do not hesitate to contact us about any issues that may arise or any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Stock