



Welcome back to Year 6. We hope that you enjoyed the half term break. The children have now settled into their new classrooms and are ready to make great strides in their learning over the coming term. We expect that the children will return with enthusiastic attitudes to their learning and will continue to build upon the independence that they have worked towards over the previous weeks.

PSHE

This term the children will be celebrating each other's differences and shattering stereotypes. We will also be continuing to practise mindfulness to help us breathe through challenging situations and take some time just for ourselves.

Mathematics

The units we shall be covering this term are:

Unit 4: Fractions – *simplifying, comparing and ordering fractions including those greater than one as well as adding and subtracting fractions*

Unit 5: Missing angles and length – *comparing and classifying a range of geometric shapes and using angle facts to find missing angles*

Unit 6: Coordinates and shape – *describing positions on a full coordinate grid, translating and reflecting shapes on a coordinate grid. To know the properties of 3D shapes.*

Science

We are continuing our unit on sound this term with a focus on planning a scientific investigation. This will include making hypotheses, identifying independent and dependent variables, listing relevant equipment, narrating the method and evaluating our investigations.

Art

Life will be taking a turn for the surreal in Art as the children learn about the master of surrealism, Salvador Dali. They will be creating their own unusual masterpieces inspired by this groundbreaking artist.

Other Useful Information Children will need to come into school already in the correct Atwood P.E kit on Wednesdays only. When after school clubs begin, students wear uniform and bring any required change of clothes for after school. Canada Class will continue to visit the Rhythm Studio on Tuesdays and will be swapping with Australia Class after Christmas. Spellings will be handed out every Wednesday for pupil's to practise ready for their weekly spelling tests. Arithmetic homework will continue to be given out on a weekly basis with the children being responsible for completing it and handing it in on time.

Achieving Success

Literacy

We will be continuing with our theme, 'Defeating Demons' and the kids will be travelling all the way to Middle Earth. Concentrating on the Hobbit, we will be getting to know Bilbo Baggins and Gollum and writing our own stories inspired by these characters and Tolkein's fantastical world. The main focus of the writing will be how to enhance our writing by adding dialogue and punctuating correctly. As we skid towards Christmas, we will look at some traditional stories with a wintery twist such as: The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe and The Snow Queen.

Topic

This term the children will be studying the water cycle. They will be learning about the science behind the water cycle and all the technical vocabulary. This will enable them to write explanation texts about how the water cycle works. Moving on, we will look at the effects of drought and floods on communities. Inspired by the BBCs Blue Planet, we will also be looking at life under the sea and discovering what animals and plants are down there. We will also be investigating how the seas are changing due to the effects of global warming.

Physical Education

This half term we are lucky enough to be doing street-dance during our weekly PE slot with Miss Rebecca. The classes will focus on learning and refining dance routines as well as working well within a team to develop our routines.