

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High



Welcome to our first term in Year Six,

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready to work hard this term! We have lots to learn and I am very excited about the topics we will be covering over the year. There will be a huge focus upon number strategies this half term; everybody must have quick recall of their times tables (in and out of order) to help us undertake complex sums more efficiently.

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday and a Friday afternoon. This term Miss Preugschat will be teaching all of our PE sessions.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Like last year, Learning Log homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned for a Tuesday; and Maths will be given out on a Wednesday and returned on a Friday. Occasionally, we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time, such as a mini-project. Reading books need to be changed frequently and don't forget to bring your Reading Journal and book in everyday, so that we can keep track of the books you are reading. Finally, Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will be tested on the following Friday.

Other Adults in the class

As well as me, we will have Mrs Edwards with us every morning for reading, English, spellings and maths. In the afternoons we will have Mrs Edwards teaching the humanities, French and music lessons. Miss Preugschat will teach PE.

Mr Manning

The Mayans



Year 6 Learning Leaflet

Autumn 2017

Our first topic will focus on the Mayan civilization, where we will look at what life was like in contrast to British history.

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on the units Earth and Space; and also Light. We will find out fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth as well as developing an understanding of day and night, the four seasons and the Moon's phases. Within Light, we will learn that to see, light needs to enter the eye and investigate light reflection & refraction.

This year, we will teach art and DT in blocks at the end of the half terms. In **Art** we will learn about Mexican Art; looking at printing and pattern making. In **DT** we will develop our skills within textiles, looking at designing and weaving a Mexican mat.



In **English** we will be focusing our learning around a book called Manfish which looks at the story of Jacques Cousteau. Throughout the term, we will focus on biographies and poetry as well as completing extended writing within our topic work. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of grammatical terms and look at how to apply the skills correctly.

In **Maths** we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme of work which develops the children's fluency with number and their mastery at applying these skills to problems and puzzles. We will start the year with work on number place value and then spend several weeks on the four operations of number. In the second half term we will look at fractions and in geometry we will focus on position and direction when moving shapes.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through our topic of the Mayans. We will learn what life was like in the Mayan civilization; looking at daily life, food, gods and achievements. We will also develop our enquiry skills further by contrasting the Mayans to British history. Within **Geography**, we will continue to build upon our knowledge of maps and atlases.



In **R.E** we will be learning about Christian values and beliefs. In the first term we will look at what the story Daniel tells us about how Christians should act in accordance with their beliefs. After half term we will look at the role charity plays in Christian life.

In **Music** we will have weekly sessions on a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Edwards. We start off by looking at the Bon Jovi hit 'Living On A Prayer'.

In **French** we will continue to develop our skills in conversational French and learn about the culture.



In **PE** we will be covering Dance, Games and Gym throughout the term. All our PE lessons will be taught by Miss Preugschat - these will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and on a Friday afternoon.

In **Computing** we will be looking at Internet Safety. What is cyber bullying and how can we deal with it? What privacy rules should we use online and how can we be a good digital citizen?

After half term, we will be coding using the free to download program- Scratch.

