



## Curriculum Newsletter for Year 6 – Autumn 1 - 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the new school year. We would like to share our curriculum overview with you about all the great learning that we have coming up this term.

Please note:

- PE day will be on **Thursday** so please ensure you have your full PE kit in on this day including trainers. PE will be outside so make sure you have the appropriate kit to keep warm when it starts getting colder! We will be doing the daily mile so it would be great if you could bring in trainers every day.
- Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** to be returned on a **Tuesday**. Children will receive literacy and numeracy homework as well as spellings. They are also expected to be reading daily and practising their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy, we will be studying Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom*, a fantastic story of a boy's experiences on a tropical island. We will be using inspiration from the book and Morpurgo's descriptive style to write our own island narratives.

In Numeracy, we will be beginning by focusing on place value, negative numbers and the four operations. We will be building on what we have already learnt before applying these skills to reasoning and problem solving.

In Jewish Studies we will be learning about the significance of the upcoming holidays including Tefillot for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Our topic:

## Charles Darwin and the Galapagos Islands

Our first art focus will be clay sculptures.

In PE, our focus is netball. We will learn and practise the required skills and rules before applying these to full games.

In PSHCE, our focus will be being responsible and new beginnings. We will be thinking about our roles and responsibilities for the New Year both in and out of school.

In Humanities, our focus is Charles Darwin and the Galapagos Islands. We will be learning about the flora and fauna of the island, locational skills and the discoveries and life of Darwin.

In Science, our topic is evolution and inheritance. This is a great topic where we will learn about fossils, adaptation and natural selection.