



# Year 6

## Message from Mr Smith and Mr O'Brien

Over the course of term four, Year Six have enjoyed various learning activities and enrichment weeks. Perhaps the highlight was science week. The theme for Science Week was time and Year Six creatively explored different time related experiments mostly by flipping bottles. It was great to hear the discussions the children had before we conducted each experiment and then hearing and seeing how their ideas evolved throughout each day was amazing too! Others may have thought Arts Week was the highlight. Once more the theme was time and the children completed a range of tasks and activities before endeavouring to create their final pieces. We really enjoyed seeing how the children took the theme and put their own unique spin on it. Being able to showcase and share their work was a nice conclusion to the work too!

As well as this, the children have continued to work hard in English, writing diaries, newspaper articles and non-chronological reports, all linked to Shackleton and his expedition. We did not finish this book and may return to it in term 6. Our maths focus has been fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter, area and volume and statistics. All of these areas have looked at a wide variety of skills and reasoning style questions to embed knowledge and understanding which we are confident the children have shown and will be able to draw upon when required. Our preparations for SATs continue to be in full swing and the children are continuing to rise nicely to the challenge, developing skills, knowledge and learning habits which will support them with SATs and with their exams further down the road. Our English focus for this term is: Twisted Tales. This block of writing will allow us to take some well-known tales from our childhood's and twist or adapt them to cater for a more mature audience and to meet our writing expectations. For example, are the three little pigs really the victims? I am excited about the potentially writing pieces we can produce. In science we will be continuing to explore electricity and making our own circuits and we have a geography focus of fieldwork and skills once we have concluded our history topic of Civil Rights. We will be continuing with our preparations for SATs, making the most of our learning opportunities and having plenty of fun along the way!

## Home Learning/Reminders

Home learning menus cross over two terms and can be found on Google Classroom.

As the children continue to progress closer to the end of Year Six we will be increasing the amount of homework we expect to see completed. This is to help prepare the children for life at secondary school where we are aware home learning demands are greater. If you have an issues or concerns with regards to your child's home learning please let a member of staff know and we will assist accordingly.

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## Topics Term 5

Science: Electricity

Humanities (Geography): fieldwork and skills

French: Les Weekend

RE: Christianity

PE: Striking and fielding (Mondays & Thursdays)

Art: Abstract landscapes

Computing: 3D modelling

Wellbeing: 'Healthy body, healthy mind' inc. RSHE

## Learning from last term...

Here is just a snippet of some of our learning from last term!

