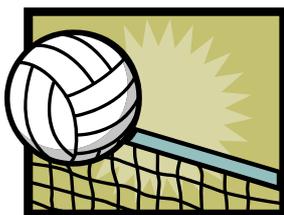


## Year 6 Spring Curriculum Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



Happy New Year! The children have come back to school, after the Christmas holidays ready to learn and are already finding out lots of information about our new topic of South America. This term is an incredibly important one as the children prepare for their 'SATs' in May.



We look forward to continue working in partnership with you as we move through the year, to ensure the best progress for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns and we are always available at the end of the day to answer any questions.



In the spring term our focus is '**South America**'. We will research the different countries of the South America and explore both the physical and human geography of this continent; comparing climates and landmarks. We will also be learning important new map skills: how to read 6 figure grid references on an Ordnance Survey map and to begin to draw maps to scale. We will also be carrying out some exciting fieldwork when we go on our planned trip to London.



In **science**, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will describe how living things are classified into broad groups give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on their characteristics. Next half term we will move on to animals and humans focusing on the functions of the human body.

In **art**, we will explore rainforest pictures and next half term we will be learning about the artists Picasso and Edvard Munch and how their artwork influenced the art movements in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



In **English**, we will explore a range of genres over the term including recounts, fiction, poetry, non-fiction and role-play. Additionally, we will be focusing on regular spelling, punctuation, grammar lessons to consolidate and extend its use; this will add accuracy as well as depth to our written and creative work.

In **maths**, we will be continuing to practise number skills and times tables alongside our daily maths lesson in preparation for the SATs. The children will be have weekly arithmetic tests and times tables activities to support their progress across maths as well as mastering new concepts, ideas or consolidating previous knowledge.

Each week, we will continue to work on our **P.E.** skills. This term we will develop our fitness skills and netball / basketball technique. Please remember to have your P.E kit in school each day. Children can bring dark coloured jogging bottoms for outside P.E sessions. Remember children should not wear jewellery in P.E sessions; they must remove their earrings and, for safety reasons, have a hair band to tie up long hair.

It is also important that you continue to read regularly with your child, ideally 15 minutes a day, as this forms part of their set homework. Please encourage your child to record their reading in their diary. There will also be maths and English homework alongside any topic work set. WE would also like children to learn any spellings set and work on times tables.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to speak to us after school or contact us on Class Dojo.

**Mrs Keen and Mrs Thomson**

Important date: Year 6 class assembly - Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am