



Year 6

Autumn 2016 (2nd half)

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a good half-term break. We have another very busy half-term coming up in the countdown to Christmas... This half-term, our theme is:

Values: What matters most?

where we will look at morals and dilemmas and how different people value things in different ways. We will spend time thinking about Remembrance, debate what is right and wrong in various situations and discuss our responsibilities as members of groups such as school, our local community and the wider world.

We will consider how we show care and respect for people and animals. Our science will allow time for children to develop their independence through group research about animals and we will also begin to think about the changes the pupils will encounter as they grow older and approach puberty.

WEEKLY HOME LEARNING

Home learning will not be set on specific days but rather as follow-up to work completed in class to practice and extend their learning. However, weekly expectations are:

- 10 minutes each night reading their reading book, a newspaper, a magazine or Kindle,
- 5 minutes on spelling pattern being covered in class (3/4 times per week)
- 10 minutes each night on Learn Its - times tables up to 12 x 12 for multiplication and division.
- Other task as appropriate from the week's classwork
- Research as part of our topic

We will be focusing on times tables and spellings over this half term to really improve our speed and accuracy. It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to practise these at home and maybe challenge them to beat your score or time!

TRIPS & VISITORS

This half-term, we have an exciting trip to South Lakes Safari Zoo. This is a long journey over to Cumbria but will really begin our topic on how we care for animals. We will follow this up in class by making our own safari zoo in DT. We also have a gentleman visiting to talk to us about Humanism where we will listen to his viewpoints and compare them with others, including Christianity.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Monday:** 3-minute challenge (times tables)
Spelling test
- Tuesday:** Drumming with Jools
- Wednesday:** Swimming
- Thursday:** Indoor PE (gym)
- Friday:** Big Maths

Children should always have their homework diaries and reading records with them.

LOOKING AHEAD

Bikeability: The children who are taking part in this have been placed into three groups. They will need to ensure they have their bike and helmet in school on the correct days.

- Group A = Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd November
- Group B = Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th November
- Group C = Wednesday 9th & Monday 21st November

PERSONAL ITEMS

Please could you ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name to enable us to return any escapee clothing with its rightful owner! Thank you.