



# Year 6

## Spring 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> half)

### Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to what 2017 may bring! Our first term of the year begins with:



### Going Global!



where we will explore the extreme beauty and wonder of our world. We will consider people both now and throughout history who have made discoveries, changed our thinking and influenced lives. Our geography work will focus on the places around the world, extreme weather and its impact on communities.

In English, we will be extending our vocabulary and using specific language to describe landscapes, settings and characters so discussion on this at home, introducing your child to new and adventurous words would be very helpful.

### WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Homework 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,
- 10 minutes on spellings (3 times per week)
- 10 minutes each night on Learn Its - times tables up to 12 x 12 for multiplication and division.
- One piece of written English work
- One piece of written maths work
- Research as part of our topic

We are continuing to focus on times tables and spellings over this half term to improve speed and accuracy. Please encourage your child to practise these at home and maybe challenge them to beat your score or time!

### TRIPS AND VISITORS

We are hoping (weather permitting!) to walk into Leyburn to the Shawl to photograph and sketch the landscape. Helpers would be very welcome when we organise this and feel bring to bring along your own sketch book and pencil!

Could I also remind parents about the trip to Boggle Hole and the request for full payment (£165) by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any queries or concerns about the trip, please contact Mrs Salonga as soon as is convenient.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Monday: Maths Booster club, 3.45pm – 5pm  
Spelling test
- Tuesday: Drumming with Jools  
Outdoor & indoor PE kit
- Wednesday: Digital Leaders lunchtime meeting  
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- Thursday:
- Friday: Big Maths

**Children should always have their homework diaries and reading records**

### CLOTHING

Please could you make sure that any items of clothing brought into school are labelled with the child's name, wherever possible so they can be returned to their owners as soon as possible.

### SHARE A LESSON

Year 5 and 6 are holding an open afternoon for parents / grandparents who are able to come in and learn with us. This will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, from 2.30pm. We hope to see you then and show you what we have been working on.