

# Year 6 Newsletter

## Spring Term 1



### **Dear Parents/Carers:**

Welcome to the spring term! We hope that you have had a fantastic holiday and the children have had the opportunity to rest well before returning to school.

During the spring term we will be focusing more on preparations for Y6 SATs. We know that this can sometimes be a stressful time for your child and we aim to support them as much as possible so that they are ready, calm and develop in confidence. We will be running boosters this half term and we will be sending letters home to pupils who have been invited to these sessions. If your child has been selected for a booster, please ensure their attendance to these sessions is excellent. If you have any queries regarding boosters, please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Home Learning and Reading Records:**

Reading records will be handed in daily. Pupils will be expected to read for at least 20 minutes per day and a short summary of what they have read will be recorded in their reading record. As a further challenge, we suggest that pupils make a note of any inferences, predictions and comparisons that they have made whilst reading.

Year 6 Class Teachers

### **The Year 6 Team**

#### **Argentina:**

Miss Natasha Yapp

#### **Brazil:**

Mr Muhammed Rahman

#### **Chile:**

Miss Georgina Calver

#### **Peru:**

Mr Muhammad Al-Mamun

#### **Additional Teachers:**

Miss Katrinne Langlois

#### **Teaching Assistants:**

Mr Gavin Watson

Miss Rosa Davis

#### **Year Group Leader:**

Miss Natasha Yapp

#### **Deputy Headteacher:**

Ms Tracey Baillie

**If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.**

### Dates for this term's educational visits

Peru Class visit to IntoUniversity: **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

All classes to visit Stratford Circus Theatre: **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**



### PE Days

Argentina and Brazil: Tuesday and Friday

Chile and Peru: Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, including a change of shoes.

PE kits should be brought to school on Monday and taken home to wash on Tuesday.

Appropriate clothing suitable for the cold weather should be brought in.

Your child may require a bottle of water.

## Curriculum

**This term's topics:**

**English: Macbeth**

We will begin this half term by tackling a classic and tricky text: *The Tragedy of Macbeth* by Shakespeare. The Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to analyse themes, character and plot while learning about the conventions of Shakespearean play writing.

**Maths: Properties of Shapes, Area and Perimeter**

Our focus for the first half term will be on advancing the pupils' understanding of shapes, including its properties, as well as different methods for calculating area and perimeter.

**Science: Classification**

This half term, children will be looking at classifying living things. They will be considering how things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and similarities and differences between species, including microorganisms, plants and animals.

**Religious Education: How important are the similarities and differences between and within religions?**

The children will be learning about and discussing some of the conceptions of life after death within and between religions and different world views. They will be encouraged to be reflective about this topic and will continue to engage in discussion to develop their own understanding of the world.

**Wider Curriculum- Inventions**

The children will be evaluating the impact of historical inventions upon modern life.