**Year 6 Newsletter**

**Autumn Term 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the exciting year ahead. I am really looking forward to getting to know all the children and life at Sutton Bonington. The children have already made a fantastic start and have impressed me with their knowledge and skills!

**Staff in Year 6**

This year I will be teaching Year 6 and will be joined daily by Miss Rabel as our Teaching Assistant, until morning lunch times. Mrs Hopkin will be covering my PPA time on a Tuesday afternoon, along with Mr Radford for P.E. for the first half term on the Autumn.

**Topic**

In Autumn 1, our Geography topic will be ‘***How is our world changing?***’ Within this topic, your child will learn about how people, places and environments are interconnected. Your child will be able to identify different positional features of the Earth, the effects of global trade and migration. Children will also discuss the cause and effect of climate change. In Autumn 2, we will have a History based topic answering ‘***What happened to the Mayan Empire?***’. Within this topic, children will explore the ancient civilisation of the Mayans and interpret artefacts to discuss the importance of this tim period.

In Science, we will look at ‘***Light***’ in the first half-term. Within this topic, we will identify light sources and how light always travels in a straight line. Your child will also learn about shadows, define reflection and refraction and look at how light pollution can negatively affect our environment. Children will also discover the idea of colour and study Sir Isaac Newton. In Autumn 2, we will look at ‘***Classification***’. Your child will discover how we can arrange organisms into groups and define what classification is. We will also investigate how we can classify vertebrates, invertebrates, plants and microorganisms.

This term, we will also have a weekly workshop for a period of 10 weeks with DaArt, providing life skills education. The children will work on a project report to show their understanding from the project.

In D.T, Children will have a STEM workshop to build a movable fairground ride using computer science and programming. I am looking forward to seeing the end results of this!

**Things to Remember**

In Year 6, all of the equipment that the children need will be provided in school so we kindly ask that children do not bring in any other personal items or toys from home. Children should bring in their book bag, water bottle and lunch box. Water bottles should be brought in for use throughout the day. Please make sure these are filled with water and clearly labelled. Also, please can clothing be labelled to reduce the chances of items getting lost.

**PE Days**

Class 6’s PE days will be on a Tuesday, with our sports coach Mr Radford (for the first half-term) and Fridays with myself. Please can children come in their PE kits and make sure all items are clearly labelled.

**Reading Books**

Your child has now chosen their reading book matched to their reading level. These are based on their end of year data from last year and what band they were on in Year 5. Children are expected to read a minimum of three times a week for at least 10 minutes. Please record these in their reading diary. Children will have the opportunity to change books frequently.

**Homework**

Following on from last year, children will continue to receive a half-termly homework grid which contains tasks for Reading, Maths, Spellings and Curriculum. Please see the separate grid attached. During spelling lessons, children will investigate a different spelling rule and pattern and are encouraged to share this at home and continue investigating the morphology of words. Log in details for Times Table Rock Stars will be re-sent, along with a new Doodle Maths account and the knowledge organiser for our Geography topic. I will soon send out further information about Doodle Maths.

**Values**

This term we will be focusing on showing RESPECT in the first half term. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me in school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Welstead