



# Year 6 Newsletter

## Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you had a brilliant Christmas and holidays. It has been lovely to have the children back this week!

### **Topic**

In Spring 1, our Geography topic will be '**What is unique about the Grand Canyon?**' Within this topic, your child will learn about where the Grand Canyon is within the North American continent and will study its size, using relief maps. They will learn how the Grand Canyon was formed and look at biomes and vegetation belts. They will use their new knowledge of biomes to discover which are found at the Grand Canyon. Finally, they will learn about how human activity has impacted it.



In Spring 2, we will have a History based topic answering '**Who were the Ancient Greeks?**' Within this topic, we will study who the ancient Greeks were, what their daily life was like and how sources and artefacts have enabled us to learn more about them. We will also compare them to other civilisations they have looked at, including the Shang Dynasty from last term. More about this topic will be included in the knowledge organiser, in Spring 2.

In Science, we will look at '**Evolution and Inheritance**' for the full term. Within this topic, we will look at what fossils tell us and investigate variation, inheritance and adaptation. Your child will study why animals have adaptations and move on to discovering natural selection and the theory of evolution. Finally, they will explain why animals become extinct and how we can save endangered animals.

### **Things to Remember**

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. Finally, the SATs Breakfast Club will continue to be every Friday at 8:10am.

### **PE Days**

Class 6's PE days will continue to be on a Tuesday, with our sports coach, and Thursday with myself. Please can children come in their PE kits and make sure all items are clearly labelled.

### **Reading Books**

As per the homework grid, children are expected to read a minimum of three times a week for at least 10 minutes. Please record these in their reading diary or they can do this themselves. Children can change their reading book during morning break on a Tuesday and Thursday by bringing their book to the library.

## **Homework**

Thank you for the participation with the autumn term grids, particularly the engagement with the Shang Dynasty presentations! Children are expected to continue working on the tasks in the half-termly homework grid, which contains tasks for reading, maths, spellings and curriculum. We will continue to have informal checks with the fortnightly spellings and then a formal test in the final week. Your child should be using TT Rock Stars and Doodle Maths on alternate weeks and both sites are checked regularly for engagement from each child.

## **Values**

This term we will be focusing on showing PRIDE in the first half term and on demonstrating RESILIENCE in the second 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 pride and resilience 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 McRobie