

Autumn Term 2017

Watling Street School

## Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 6

This term we will be learning all about:

### English

This term we will be exploring a range of Ted Hughes poetry as well as creating a variety of writing based on our story The Eye of the Wolf. We will be learning new spelling patterns and rules that we can use within our writing.

### Mathematics

Place value of numbers up to 10 million! Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division—using mental methods and formal written methods. We will also be doing lots of work on fractions, decimals and percentages. Exploring more complex 2D and 3D shapes and increasing our knowledge of position and direction.

### Science

Our first topic this term is Our Bodies, which includes identifying and naming the major organs of the body, finding out about the human circulatory system, discussing what is needed to live a healthy lifestyle and understanding the effects of drink and drugs on our bodies.

Our second topic is Light and Sight which explores how we see and how light travels.

### Computing

We Are App Planners—we will be researching the capabilities of a smartphone, looking at GPS and making a geotag

### RE

Sikhs and Hindus—Who is inspiring? Looking at the founders of these two religions and how they have inspired others.

### Cornerstones

'Hola Mexico' During this topic we will learn about all things Mexican including music, culture, ancient civilisations of The Aztecs and Mayans. In our geography sessions we will be using maps to identify significant Mexican landmarks and the human and physical geography of Mexico.

### Music

We will be continuing to take part in Rock It lessons with Mr Bough .

### PE

Our focus this term is Invasion Games.

### MFL

Learning vocabulary based on the topic Who Am I?

## Important Information for Year 6

### Finally Made It!

It really does only seem a very short time ago since the children were nervously (or not so nervously in some cases!) coming into school for the very first time in either Nursery or Reception—where has the time gone? I hope that they will thoroughly enjoy their last year here at Watling Street.

### PE

P.E kits should now be in school . They will be sent home each half term for washing.

### Reading Books

Reading books need to be brought into school daily. Please sign your child's reading diary when they have finished a book at home. They will be expected to read, and answer comprehension questions, on at least one book each week.

### Uniform

Please ensure that all personal belongings, especially jumpers and coats, continue to be named as those with names in can easily be reunited with their owners.

### Homework

Children will be given Maths and English homework every week—this will either be related to the work done in school that week or work that helps to practise important skills. Homework will also be set on Purple Mash, which is on the school VLE.

### Maths Focus

Ours Maths homework this term continues to be developing times tables quick recall skills and to be able to identify the related division facts in order to improve calculation skills. As a class, we are already very good at the times tables and are now working on becoming even quicker which will really help with arithmetic that they need to complete in Year 6.

### Spellings

Spellings will be given out each Monday and the spelling test will be on the following Monday. These will be related to a spelling pattern or rule that we have worked on. On occasions there will also be some additional spellings that are from the Key Stage 2 list of words from the New National Curriculum. These extra words are related to the writing that the children will be doing in class that week.

### Dates For Your Diary

Friday 15th September —Brownhills Enrichment Day 12.00- 2.30 at Brownhills School

Friday 22nd September—Brownhills Enrichment Day 10.00- 2.30 at Brownhills School

Wednesday 27th September—Transition to Year 7 Meeting at 9.00

Friday 6th October—Special Friends Assembly (Year 6 and Reception) at 9.15

Wednesday 18th October—Individual school photos

Friday 20th October—Pink Day, Break Up for Half Term

Wednesday 8th November—Friday 10th November—White Moor Lakes Residential Trip

Friday 10th November—E-Safety workshop for parents, 9.00—10.30

Friday 15th December—Carol Concert at 2.00

Wednesday 18th December—Non-Uniform Day , Break Up for Christmas Holidays

### Hola Mexico

#### Making 3D masks and eating some delicious Mexican food.



### Year 6 Staff

Class teacher—Miss J Conway

Classroom Assistants—Mrs K Clift and Mrs T Cooper

If you have any concerns at all then please do not hesitate to come and see me. I am always available at the end of the school day or an appointment can be booked through the school office.

