

Year 6 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term Two

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The first half-term was definitely a shock to the system, and by the end of it, the children were definitely ready for half-term. I hope they have managed to rest and recuperate for this next half-term ahead. It is hard to believe that it is Autumn term 2 already! This year is going by so fast, and Christmas will be here before we know it.

Here is an update on the curriculum for Year 6 during this term:

Following our updated curriculum, we will shortly be beginning our new focus question: **Did John Harrison change the world?**

Our focus questions help us to accumulate knowledge over the course of this academic year to be able to answer our big question: **Can one person change the world?**

During this focus, we will be identifying the position and significance of latitude, longitude, the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, as well as the Arctic and Antarctic Circle. The children will also learn about the Prime/Greenwich Meridian which has an incredible link to our local area as the Prime Meridian runs through Holbeach! The children will also learn about time zones. Historically, the children will learn about the life of John Harrison and his invention of the marine watch. Hopefully, they will be inspired to know that he grew up in Lincolnshire!

In art, the children will examine John Harrison's technical drawings. They will look closely at mechanisms and create sketches.

Homework Reminder

Homework is important to consolidate the children's learning and also to prepare them for secondary school. During the first half-term, not all children were consistently practising their spellings, completing their homework or reading the expected 4 times a week. As a result, on occasion, they have missed important time outside.

As a reminder, spellings are issued on a Monday and tested on the following Monday; homework: one activity should be completed from the grid weekly; and reading; every Friday we check to see if the children have read 4 times. They should also be writing in their reading logs to explain the content of the pages/chapters that have been read. I would appreciate your support and co-operation with this.

Parents Evening

Due to Covid and restrictions in place, unfortunately I am unable to meet you in person to discuss your child's progress. Instead, you will shortly receive a written sheet updating you with this information and about how your child has settled into Year 6. Please feel assured that if I ever need to contact you about your child, then this will be done accordingly.

Swimming

Unfortunately, now that the weather is turning cooler, the children will no longer be swimming. Swimming sessions will now resume in the Summer term.

The children will still continue P.E. sessions on a Thursday with our sports coach – this term is basketball. They will also have an additional session on a Tuesday afternoon where they will be doing dance.

