

## Year 6 - Spring 2 – February to March 2024

Welcome back after the half term. We hope you are all well rested and ready for the remainder of the Spring Term.

As previously mentioned, Mrs Lester will teach Year 6 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Strong will teach on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Iredia is also our Teaching Assistant.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and find one of us on the playground or email the school office, and we will endeavour to contact you after school.

**Parent Evening** is coming up soon so please remember to sign up for a slot on either Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (with Mrs Lester) or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (with Mrs Strong).

**WORLD BOOK DAY** is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (remember to come dressed as a book character)

### A few reminders this half term

#### Homework

Every Friday, homework will be set to go home and must be completed by the following Wednesday. This homework will usually focus on either Maths or English (spellings, grammar or reading comprehension). The children will always be given a set of 10 spellings to focus on too.

It is essential that children learn their times tables fluently. Most of the maths curriculum relies on the children having a good understanding of their tables. Please encourage your child to continue to use Times Tables Rockstars to practice at home.

Children are expected to read for at least four times a week at home and this must be signed off by an adult in their homework diaries. This is checked regularly and rewarded too.

#### Physical Education: Games

This term, Year 6 will have PE every **Wednesday** with Miss King and another lesson each **Tuesday** with Mrs Lester.

Please ensure that children come in wearing the correct uniform: a plain blue t-shirt, shorts and trainers. This uniform must not be branded. No earrings should be worn on PE days.

This half term, our focus will be on tennis.



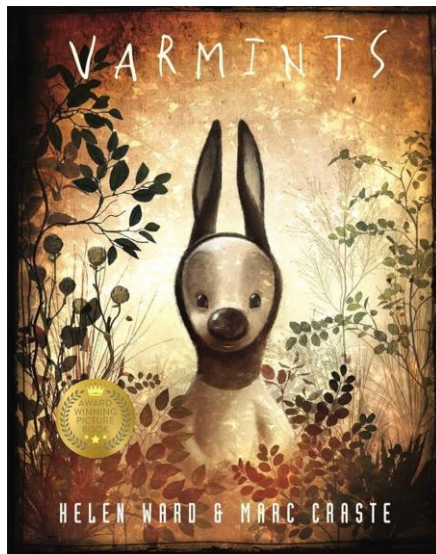
Here is what we will be learning in all of our subjects this half term:

### **Mathematics**

This half term, in Maths we will be studying fractions, decimals and percentages; area, perimeter and volume and finishing with statistics. We shall also be completing a variety of assessments and tests, checking on our understanding in all areas of maths.

### **English – Writing Skills**

To begin with, we shall be working on writing a historical narrative linked to Rose Blanche by Chrisophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti. Next, we shall be moving onto writing recounts by looking at the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. We shall be finishing our skills by writing another narrative however this will be quite different as it is to the incredible book 'Varmints'.



### **English – Reading Skills**

In guided reading this half term, we will be reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll.

We shall also be studying the wonderful poem 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth.

We will continue to practice our skills of fluency as well as our predicting, inferring, retrieval and understanding vocabulary.

### **Religious Education: Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?**

We will continue our learning from last half term but focusing on Psalm 8 and what it means to Christians. We will read the text and use creative ways to unpick and analyse the text. We will then focus on how this might relate to questions of religion and science. We will then consider how well humans have taken care of the world. We will think about why Christians consider it to be their duty to look after the world.

### **Science: Light**

In Science, we will study Light. We will begin by looking at what a light source is and how light travels to our eyes. Then we will look in detail at the eye and draw and label the main parts for example pupil, retina, iris. Following on from this we will look at shadows, prisms and reflections.

### **History: World War II and the Holocaust**

In History, this half term we will be learning about WW2. Following on from our learning about Hitler we will look at how the Nazi party attempted to take control of Europe. We will look at how Britain and Germany thought each other on land, sea and air. We will look at the impact of Bletchley Park and how the code breakers helped to intercept important German messages. We will look at how the Holocaust was a time during WW2 when millions of people were killed by the Nazis. Finally, we will look at how the Home Front helped play a vital role in winning the war.

### **Art: William Morris**

In Art, we will be looking at Victorian designer William Morris. We will look at how this influential designer produced wallpaper and other textiles and how he was a key figure in the Arts and Crafts movement. We will design our own printing block based on his famous designs.

### **Design and Technology: Electrical Systems**



In Design and Technology, we shall be learning about electrical systems. We shall be researching children's toys and trying to design, make and build a hand, held game with an electrical component. We shall be spending one day later in the term to cover our DT skills.

### **Geography: South America**



We shall be exploring the large, diverse continent of South America and comparing it to North America, which we learnt about last half term. We shall be looking at: countries; biomes; Ancient Inca tribe; Andes mountain range; focus on Brazil by looking into farming, energy, Amazon rainforest, deforestation as well as looking closely at the human and physical features of South America.

### **Computing: Creating Media/History of Computers**



We shall be focusing on how computers have changed and grown this half term.

### **French: Le Seconde Guerre Mondiale**



Our aim this half term is to explore vocabulary linked to the Second World War (as part of our History topic this half term). We shall be learning more about evacuees: Ralf Vera and Daisy whilst learning through their stories.

### **Personal Social Health Economic Education: Healthy Me**



The children will be thinking about 'Healthy Me' for the upcoming half term. We shall be exploring how to keep healthy through studying the following units: food, drugs, alcohol, emergency first aid, emotional and mental health and managing stress.

### **Music: You've Got A Friend**

This half term, we shall be moving onto the unit 'You've Got A Friend' - looking at pop and Motown in more detail.