

Year 6 Class Newsletter

2nd Half Autumn term 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting and fun filled term. We have the wonderful nativity to look forward to and I am looking forward to seeing you all during the parent's meetings **which will be held on Tuesday 12th November, Wednesday 13th November and Tuesday 19th November.**

Our half termly topic this term is: Family Tree

This thought- provoking topic will focus on evolution and the history of the royal family.

What we will be learning as part of our topic: we will be learning about the famous scientist Charles Darwin and his wonderful discoveries about evolution and adaptation. We will learn about our ancestors and how natural selection occurs in the animal kingdom. We will also be learning about inheritance and genes. This will be the basis of our science during the term. Alongside this we will be learning about monarchy and kings and queens of the past. We will research a king or queen and present our findings. We will finally create royal portraits and frames to display our pictures in the style of the royal paintings.

What we will be learning in English: we will be reading the most mind-spiralling play Macbeth, written by William Shakespeare. We will have the opportunity to learn about Shakespeare and his life and learn some of the traditional language used in the play. We will act out and perform key scenes bringing the play to life! We will focus on the key characters and write amazing soliloquys in the eyes of the characters.

What we will be learning in Maths: this term we will be exploring multiplication, division and fractions. We will be learning to apply the four operations to challenging problems and use our existing knowledge help us reason about number. We will try and find the most efficient methods to solve problems and make sure our jottings are useful. We will also be doing weekly arithmetic papers to help us build our confidence and stamina when tackling this paper.

Other activities, trips and events this half term:

- Anti-bullying week 11th November 2019
- Mulberry Academy project - every Friday afternoon
- Parents meetings 12th 13th and 19th November 2019

What you can do to help: children should be reading for half an hour every single day- this will help them to have more stamina in their reading ability. If you can read with your child, it will help develop a love of reading. If you have access to the internet then please visit websites such as Skoolbo and BBC BITESIZE.

Things to remember:

- PE kits need to be brought in every Monday and taken home every Friday to be washed.
- Homework is given out every Friday and is due back to school the following Wednesday.
- Remember! – school starts at 8:55. All children should be lined up and ready each morning.
- Every child should have a bottle of water in school, please ensure your child has one.
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

Other information: If you have any concerns about the learning, you can make an appointment to meet before or after school.

Best wishes from the class team:

Salma Haris - class teacher, Clare Spittles – teaching assistant