

Year 6 Class Newsletter

1st Half Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday and plenty of rest. We have a fun and exciting term ahead.

Our half termly topic this term is: True or False

This mysterious topic will focus on the great-unsolved historical enigmas.

What we will be learning as part of our topic: we will be learning about the greatest unsolved mysterious such as: the Loch Ness monster, the Bermuda triangle, Stonehenge and Area 51. We will analyse a range of secondary sources to compare what is true and what is false. We will learn about the term 'fake news' and explain how information can be interpreted. We will propose our own questions about mysteries and investigate whether it is true or false. Alongside this we will be learning and furthering our knowledge about electricity and circuits where we will create our own electrical circuit game board.

What we will be learning in English: we will be reading the mysterious picture book 'The Island' by Armin Greder. We will use drama and grammar techniques to help us build an understanding of the text and the complexities of the characters. We will aim to create our own narratives based on the ending of this story. Throughout the term, we will also write a non-fiction based on a mystery and debate whether the Loch Ness is true or false.

What we will be learning in Maths: this term we will be exploring fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be applying the four operations to help us solve challenging questions about fractions and percentages. We also link ideas such as ratio and proportion and measures and try to find efficient methods to solve problems. We will continue to tackle arithmetic papers weekly to help us build our confidence and stamina.

Other activities, trips and events this half term:

- Mulberry Academy project - every Friday afternoon
- PE- will take place at Mulberry Academy for this term
- Year 6 revision in class will commence every Monday from January 13th 2020

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