

# Year 6 Newsletter (Autumn)



Our topic this term is: **Stone Age to Iron Age.**

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a fantastic and restful summer, re-charged your batteries ready for the start of an exciting new term in Year 6.

## **Rhino Class**

Mrs Knight - Teacher and Upper Key Stage 2 leader.

Mrs Church - Teaching Assistant

## **Leopard Class**

Mrs Govender- Teacher (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Mrs Hughes- Teacher (Monday and Friday)

Mrs Church- Teaching Assistant

In class we will be learning about:

**English:** Using literature linked to the Titanic the children will complete a variety of work using different genres. They will also focus on a range of SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) activities in a stand-alone lesson once a week to help with preparation for their SATs. Guided reading sessions will take place 3 times a week.

**Mathematics:** Place value in whole numbers. Written addition including money. Written and mental subtraction. Mental multiplication, division and fractions. Written multiplication. Written division. Times tables practice. **Please note the children will be taught in sets for maths and English in preparation for SATs.**

**Science:** Learning about evolution, researching Darwin along with the study of animals and humans.

**History:** Researching and exploring life from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age.

**Geography:** Studying the features of North and South America and comparing them with the features of Great Britain.

**Art:** Designing and making their own masks using paper then clay.

**RE:** Christianity including the Christmas story.

**DT:** Textiles work as well as a graphics design project.

**PSHE:** We will be looking at how to manage conflict and the world of work. Our values this term are determination, generosity, respect and honesty. Beatrix Potter will be our focus for British Values.

**PE:** Football and netball till half term followed by tag rugby and dance.

**Music:** Making our own RAP.

**Computing:** E-safety and looking at digital literacy.

**Dates for your diary:**

**PE:** Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child brings their full PE kit. We suggest bringing your child's PE bag in on a Monday and taking home on a Friday.

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**Year 6:** 29th September visit to Dunstable Downs

**Leopards:** 19<sup>th</sup> October visit to a local Hill Fort

**Rhinos:** 20<sup>th</sup> October visit to a local Hill Fort

**Year 6:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November SATs evening 7pm

**Class assembly:**

**Rhinos:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Leopards:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Home Learning:**

**Reading book:** your child's reading book will be changed daily if their diary is signed to say the book has been shared with an adult. Please remember that a copy of their reading target card will be in the back of their books for you too. They are expected to read 4x a week for at least 15 minutes.

**Homework** will be set on a **Friday** due in the following **Friday**. They will have to complete an English and maths task along with learning their spellings. Foundation homework is also set half termly where the children have to complete one of the three tasks set within the half term, this is **not** optional.

**Useful Websites:**

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk).

A great website with interactive Maths games.

[www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)

All children have a username and password to access this fantastic maths resource at home.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english>

A fantastic website with a wide range of activities and games to help improve reading, writing, spelling and grammar skills.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

An interesting website that contains a variety of information on a range of subjects covered in the Year 6 curriculum.