Year 6 Newsletter: Autumn 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you had an enjoyable half-term. We are very pleased with how well our Year 6s are rising to the challenge of their final year at Beeston Primary School. This half term, **PE** will take place on **Tuesday & Thursday** for all Year 6 classes. **Children must arrive at school in their PE kit on this day**. PE may be outdoors so children must wear suitable clothing, especially as the weather gets colder. Please ensure children dress in the correct kit – **plain dark bottoms and a white t-shirt and a plain jumper** (no branded football kits) and trainers.

Maths

In Maths lessons, year 6 will be learning all about fractions. We will explore how to compare and simplify fractions, using a range of practical resources. Children will investigate different ways to find fractions of both amounts and shapes. They will also have the opportunity to make links between fractions, decimals and percentages through a wide range of reasoning activities. Throughout the term, pupils will also continue to focus on their arithmetic skills through regular Daily 10 and times table practice.

English

This half term, we will be finishing our work on Shakespeare's Macbeth and writing a diary entry from the perspective of Lady Macbeth as she grapples with her husband's madness. Later on, we will be studying Charles Dickens, using his work as an opportunity to write descriptively and embed key skills learned in our grammar lessons. Through this author's work, the children will discover more about Victorian Britain, considering the positive and negative aspects of this time period.

Geography – Why does population change?

In Geography, the children will be developing their understanding of global population and how it has changed overtime, exploring the factors which have influenced population growth and decline. By the end of the unit, pupils will be able to identify the most densely and sparsely populated areas across the world and explore reasons for these differences in environments.



Science – Evolution and Inheritance

Our focus in Science will be evolution and inheritance. The children will learn all about how plants and animals, including humans, are adapted to suit their environment and how this has occurred over time. Through primary and secondary research, the children will also learn about Charles Darwin and his theory of 'Natural Selection'.

PE

This half term, pupils will focus on the themes 'inspire, create, perform'. The children will have fun with different stimuli and experiment with simple choreography and sequences. Children will think about how they can show feelings and expressions through their movements.

RE

In RE, children will be looking at Hinduism, understanding more about their beliefs and values through class discussions and group work. Children will reflect on the practices and lifestyle choices of this religion and learn about how they put faith into action.

Art

In the next few weeks, Children will study key scenes and characters from Dicken's 'A Christmas Carol' story, and will use these as inspiration for their own charcoal sketches. They will develop their initial ideas and designs through sketching and shading, employing different effects and technique to create areas of light and dark.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Using Ordnance Survey Maps of the city, the children will identify national and local landmarks using their knowledge of six figure grid references.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Our work in English will explore how Charles Dickens beame a successful British Novelist, who drew attention to societal issues of poverty and child labour through his books.

Healthy and Happy Living

We will be learning about foods and drinks that make up a balanced diet and how we can achieve physical and emotional wellbeing.

Inquisitive Investigators

We will be exploring and understanding new terminology in our topic 'Evolution and Inheritance' as well as conducting our own research around the theory of 'Natural Selection'.

Important information & Dates to remember:

- Maths & SPaG homework will be set weekly on a Friday.
- Children are encouraged to practise their spellings and times tables using the Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars websites.
- Reading and library books will be changed on a Thursday.
- Spellings are sent home on Friday and tested on the following Friday.
- We recommend that children read at least four times a week at home, ideally with an adult, and update their progress on the Boom reader app