

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 week children will be receiving their Autumn Two Learning Log which will give them the opportunity to further consolidate their learning in class. PE will continue place on **Fridays** for all 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 and trainers (no pumps).

### Maths

In Maths lessons we will be learning all about fractions. We will explore how to compare and simplify fractions, using a range of practical resources to further develop understanding. Children will explore different ways to find fractions of amounts and shapes. They will also the opportunity to make links between fractions, decimals and percentages through a range of problems and reasoning activities. During this half term, the children will continue to focus on their arithmetic skills through regular Daily 10 and times table practise.

### English

At the beginning of this half term we will be learning what life for soldiers during WW1 through the use of primary and secondary sources. We will then be using this knowledge to write a letter from the trenches. We will then be studying Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', using this as an opportunity to write descriptively and embed key skills learned in Grammar. Through this book, the children will discover more about Victorian London, considering the positive and negative aspects of this time period.

### Geography – Map Skills

In **Geography** the children will be developing their map skills. They will be learning about lines of latitude and longitude and different time zones. The children will have the opportunity to use six figure grid references to locate key features and will be using atlases to locate major rivers and mountain ranges around the world.



### Science – Evolution and Inheritance

Our focus in Science will be Evolution and Inheritance. The children will learn all about how plants and animals are adapted to suit their environment. Through their own research, the children will also learn about Charles Darwin and his theory of 'Natural Selection'.

### PE

Coordination and Ball Skills will be our focus for PE this half term. The children will work closely in team focused games to improve their throwing and catching skills.

Children will further develop their technique and accuracy through a number of drills. They will learn how to successfully intercept and become more spatially aware, applying their new skills to game scenarios.

### RE

In RE, children will continue their work on Sikhism, understanding more about their beliefs and values through class discussions and group work. Children will reflect on Sikh practices and lifestyle choices and learn about how they put faith into action.

### Art

The children will experiment with pastels and silhouettes to create a WW1 scene. Children will have the opportunity to study key scenes and characters from the 'Christmas Carol' story and create their own charcoal sketches. They will develop their initial ideas and designs through sketching and shading.

### 'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

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

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Our work on 'A Christmas Carol' will explore how Charles Dickens became a successful British Novelist, drawing attention to societal issues of poverty and child labour in 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 homework will be set weekly on a Monday. Children can practice their times tables using the Times Tables Rock Stars website.
- Reading books will be changed on a Friday
- 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 GoRead app