

Dear Parent/Carer,

This half-term we are really pleased with the attitude that the children have following their half-term break. It is great to see them rising to the challenges of Year 6. Keep it up, everyone! Looking ahead to the next half term, we have lots of exciting learning planned. We will be structuring our work around our class book 'The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas'.

### Maths

In **Maths**, children will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be learning about their equivalence and children will be applying their understanding to problems involving all three concepts. Children will be encouraged to use their revision books in class to practice and revise the areas that we have covered already in Year 6. We will also be revising for our upcoming SATs tests with regular arithmetic activities and afternoon revision lessons to practise the four key operations and develop our fluency skills.

### English

This half term, in **English**, we will be covering a variety of genres of text types including descriptive writing, letters and diary entries. We have been very impressed with the children's enthusiasm in their writing and their ability to edit and improve their work. This half term we would like to see children applying all the skills they have learned so far in order to show us their very best writing! Our key text will be 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' – a book which our Year 6 pupils always enjoy. We will also be accompanying our writing with regular SPaG lessons and revision.

### History

In **History**, we will be focusing on life during World War II and find out about life for those who fought for our country, as well as those who stayed at home and contributed in different ways to the war effort. Children will have the chance to conduct their own research and will use primary and secondary sources to draw conclusions about the past. Our work will focus on the impact that war had on children in the UK and Leeds in particular.



### Science – Living Things and Their Habitats

Our focus in **Science** will be 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We will learn about the classification of living things, including micro-organisms. They will find out about the standard system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus, micro-organisms, and conduct an investigation into the growth of mould on bread.

### PE

Our **PE** themes for this half term are 'Evade, Invade & Capture'. Pupils will be developing skills in agility, strength, technique, control and balance across a range of exciting lessons. This will lead up to a series of mini-tournaments and team games that will allow all pupils to flourish and show their competitive sides.

### RE

This term, Pupils will be exploring and finding out more about the Easter story and finding out what Christians believe about Jesus' death and resurrection. This will be supported by assemblies and whole class discussion. As always, RE lessons will promote both debate and discovery.

### PSHE

In **PSHE** this half term, as part of our health and wellbeing curriculum, the children will be learning about the various risks of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. This topic will give pupils factual knowledge about the risks posed by these so that they are well equipped to make informed and safe choices.

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

Our class book, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', will explore themes of conflict, friendship and religion. The children will consider the ethnic make-up of Beeston's population and the importance of mutual respect and tolerance.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Our work in history will look at individuals whose work played a positive role during WW2. We will focus on inventions and developments which took place and the impact these had between 1939-1945, and continue to have in the present day.

### Healthy and Happy Living

We will be learning about ways to look after our mental and physical health and wellbeing in PE and PHSE. The children will also think of ways we can support others to do the same.

### Inquisitive Investigators

Our work in Science will encourage us to think about how different animals have different characteristics and thrive in certain habitats. Pupils will be given the opportunity to design an investigation into harmful microorganisms.

### Important information & Dates to remember:

- PE will take place on a Tuesday morning for 6ZP and on a Thursday afternoon for 6LC and 6JO.
- Spellings are sent home on Friday and tested on the following Friday.
- Maths and SPaG homework is sent out each Friday and needs to be handed in for the following Friday for whole class marking & feedback.
- We recommend that children read at least four times a week at home, ideally with an adult.
- SATs week = Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Year 6 Flamingo Land Trip= Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Thank you for your continued support! Miss Pinder, Mrs ODea and Mrs Callaghan