

# Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2



Dear Parents/Carers:

The children have made a great start to the academic year. There has been so much enthusiasm shown from the children about our topics. We want to carry this enthusiasm through into Autumn 2. We really enjoyed summing up our first half term with our class assemblies!

The following is an overview of what your child will be taught in the second half of the Autumn term, as well as general timetabling information.

In **English**, our novel will be *Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen. We will use this book as stimulus for various pieces of writing. The genres we will be writing this term include a newspaper report, a journal entry and an alternative narrative ending. We will also explore poetry relating to the Towers. There will be a continued focus on key grammar and punctuation skills. Please see the homework this term for spelling support. We will continue to have spelling tests every Friday. Like last term, spelling tests will take the form of a dictation, with the key word included in a sentence.



We will be continuing our **Reading** program: Destination Reader. We would like you to discuss the key skills of reading with your children (predicting, making connections, asking questions, evaluating, inferring, summarising and clarifying). This half term we will be introducing the children to a range of question types that will help prepare them for the SATs.

Our **Maths** focus this half-term will include: fractions – comparing, ordering, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will also be investigating ratio. We will be solving word problems, developing our ability to explain and check our working out. We will also be taking part in several math investigations. Children will also be practicing mental math strategies and arithmetic. **We will have an arithmetic test every Thursday.**

Our **Geography** topic will be **Our Local Area**. We will be learning about the human and physical geography of Tower Hamlets and its similarities and differences with the rest of the UK. We will investigate land use, settlements, and rivers. As part of this unit of work we will be taking two fieldtrips around the local area. The first will be to observe the River Thames (7<sup>th</sup> November), and the second will be to Millwall Park as part of our work on local settlements. We will ensure that th



risk assessment is strictly adhered to during these trips; keeping everyone safe is our number one priority.

In **Science**, our topic will be about **Living Things and Their Habitats**. We will learn how to classify living things. We will be using microscopes to conduct investigations about microorganisms. We will also be learning about how germs spread.

In **Art** we will be working on a project called **2D Drawing to 3D Making**. We will be taught to develop our techniques, including our control and use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design. We will be taught to improve our mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay].



Our overarching theme in **Religion** this term is: “How Would Christians Advertise Christmas To Show What Christmas Means Today?” In this unit, the children will discuss the true meaning of Christmas and if that is always evident in society.

**Physical Education** will be on **Tuesday**. This term, our topics are invasion games and tag rugby. Physical education will take **place outside this term** (unless raining), please ensure your child has warm P.E. clothing. The PE sessions will continue to be led by Anna who is the lead member of staff for PE at St Luke’s. Willow Class will be swimming at Tiller Pool every Tuesday this half term. Please ensure your child has a swimsuit, towel and swimming hat, plus something warm to wear back to school.

In **French** this half-term, Year 6 will be learning how to talk and write about sport and verbs in past and present tense in the French language.

Finally, in **Music** children will be exploring rhythm and melody through singing and performing with an awareness of an audience in mind. In our **Songs of World War 2** unit they will focus on how composers use notation to guide singers on the pitch of notes.

Homework will be set for the half term and will focus on spellings, reading and times tables. We would like to remind you that project homework is compulsory so please think of an exciting project to share with the school. In addition to this we upload reading, writing and maths on Teams each week. Please aim to read daily for 20 minutes with your child. We will also have spelling tests every Friday and arithmetic tests every Thursday.

Kind regards,

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The Year 6 Teaching Team

