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.

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 be focusing 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 co-ordinates. 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 short walking fieldtrips around the local area. The first will be to observe the River Thames, and the second will be to Millwall Park as part of our work on local settlements. We will ensure that the school 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 and collage]. The final outcome of this unit will be linked to our class book *Boy in the Tower*.

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 **Thursday.** 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. 6B will be swimming at Tiller Pool every Tuesday this half term.

In **French** this half-term, Year 6 will be following the unit French Football Champions. They will learn a variety of new words linked to the football topic and be able to translate some player profiles. They will be able to understand comprehension questions based on the topic of football and complete part of a player profile.

Finally, in **Music** children will be exploring rhythm and melody through singing and performing with an awareness of an audience in mind. In our **Journeys** unit they will take a trip around the world to celebrate the universal language of music.

Homework will be set for the half term and will focus on spellings, reading and times tables. We would also strongly encourage all children to complete a homework project, additional information on this will be sent out to you separately. In addition to this, your child will be assigned **15-20 minutes of reading every night**. We will also have spelling tests every Friday and arithmetic tests every Thursday.

Key dates:
6B Class Assembly - Tuesday 17th November 2026
Y4-6 Nativity Performance – Tuesday 15th December 2026
(9:45 4N, 5N, 6G / 2:30 4R, 5B, 6B)

Kind regards,

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The Year 6 Teaching Team