



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is so wonderful to welcome everyone back to school. We can't wait to get started with our learning, especially after the year we've had so far.

Overview of Themes for the year

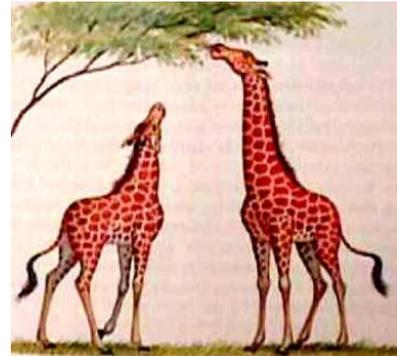
Autumn 2 – Raunds at War

Spring 1 – Out of this World

Spring 2 – Awesome Authors

Summer 1 – Crime and Punishment

Summer 2 – We can save the world



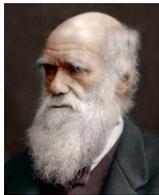
Trips & Visitors

Spring 1 – we are hoping to have a visit from a planetarium or a trip to the Space Centre in Leicester.

Spring 2 – hopefully a trip to the theatre will be possible.

Summer 1 - a visit from the PCSO and a local magistrate

Summer 2 – hopefully we will be able to have our residential during this term.



Survival of the Fittest

We start the year with our Survival of the Fittest theme where we will be looking at the work of Charles Darwin and his Theory of Evolution. The children will need to have their scientific brains working as we explore Darwin's ideas of adaptation and how life has evolved on our planet.

English



We are very excited to have 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, as our class text for this term. It is such a brilliant book and we're sure that the children will love the story just as much as we do. We will be focusing on the fabulous characters in this book and using the ideas we gain from our reading to help us with developing the characters in our own writing. Our non-fiction writing will focus on writing news recounts and which connects wonderfully with the story line of Holes.

Maths



Our Maths this term will continue to be developed from our Power Maths scheme. The children will begin the year refreshing their memories and skills with numbers, moving onto working out calculations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. A lot of Maths in Year 6 revolves around the use and manipulation of number facts including times tables. The quick recall of times tables means that your

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child will be able to successfully access the Maths curriculum and will hugely help them – especially when learning fractions and percentages.

Expectations at home

We know that home-life is busy and appreciate it is sometimes difficult to complete all homework, so we have simple expectations that will help the children become the best learners they can.

Read every day and write in their reading log – a book, a magazine, instructions of a game, a menu... any reading will improve your child's reading skills! We have a subscription to Oxford Reading Buddy, which has a range of e-books for children to read online. Good readers make good writers.

Practise times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars – at least three times per week. We have a subscription and your child has an individual logon. Children can compete against their classmates, teachers and other players around the world using this game.

Learn spellings and practise – at least three times per week online at spellingshed.com. Your child has an individual logon. This is another game where children can compete against classmates, schools and other players around the world.

A homework grid – This gives tasks that will help to extend your child's learning. Children may choose to complete one of these tasks.

If your child is not keeping up with homework tasks, please speak to your child's class teacher, who may be able to offer time to complete tasks during play or lunchtimes.

PE



PE kit should be in school every day as we are not always able to stick to our planned PE days. PE kit should include clothing suitable for the weather along with plimsolls (trainers are sometimes a better option if possible). Earrings should not be worn for PE; if your child has recently had them pierced, please write a letter to your child's class teacher and provide tape for them to wear during every PE lesson.

Water bottles should be brought to school with fresh water each day and taken home to be cleaned each evening. This is essential to keep children hydrated throughout the day, including during PE lessons.

Have a great summer holiday!

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Cox and Mrs Moore
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