



HALF TERM INFORMATION UPDATE

YEAR 6

Adults in 6SJ: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jagger, Mrs. Umpleby and Mrs. Johnson
Adults in 6B: Miss. Baker and Mrs. Schofield

Message from the staff:

Welcome back to the new 2023 year! We hope you've all had a lovely, relaxing Christmas and are ready for the year ahead. We are so excited to have all the children back in school, they have already showed us that they are enthusiastic and ready to learn. We are very excited be learning about a variety of topics this half term and we continue to work hard as we prepare for SATs.

THIS HALF TERM'S LEARNING

Maths:

In maths we will be looking at the place value of decimals. We will use this understanding to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals. We will then move on to looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. We will use our arithmetic lessons to consolidate our work on fractions from last half term. We are celebrating Number Day on Friday 3rd February. This will be an exciting maths themed day where we will also re-launch Times Table Rock Stars. Children are encouraged to dress up as rock stars for that day.

English:

This half-term we will be basing our work around the book Wonder by RJ Palacio. We will be focusing on how to write a balanced argument, which will involve a lot of debating and skilled speaking. The children will also be learning how to write an emotive piece of work and a persuasive letter.

Work will also involve focused sessions on spelling punctuation and grammar.

VIPERS

In our reading vipers lessons, we will be developing our vocabulary, inference, prediction, retrieval skills

PE:

Children will be having PE on a Wednesday. This half term we will be developing our gymnastic skills involving cannoning and symmetry.

PSHCE:

Our unit is 'How can we keep healthy as we grow?' During this unit we will look at what physical and mental health means and how we can look after both of these areas of health. We will share strategies for supporting our mental health such as having forming positive friendships, being involved in activities and explore how we can improve our diet, physical activity and sleep.

MFL:

This half term we will be finishing off the work we have done on classroom objects. We will also revise basic phrases learned last year. We are going to start work on Mi Casa (MY home) focusing on which rooms are in the house.

History/Geography

This half term the focus is on Geography. We are looking at rivers and the journey a river makes to the ocean. We will be thinking about the 3

Science:

In science this half term we will be learning about the heart and the circulatory system. During this unit, we will learn about how the heart works and what its function is along

Music:

In music this term we will be looking at a piece of music by Carol King: 'You've got a friend in me'. We will learn to sing this song, as well as play a two-part instrumental using



stages of a rivers journey in the upper course middle course and lower course. We will also be using atlases to research rivers around the world.

with how our lifestyle choices can impact on its functioning.

glockenspiels. Children will also take part in KS2 singing assemblies.

How parents can help at home:

- Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home with your child.
- Celebrating the successes shared by your children on SeeSaw is always greatly appreciated.
- Children are encouraged to practise their weekly spellings and timetables, Times Tables Rock Stars is a fantastic resource to use for timetables practice.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on Wednesday – children will need to come in the correct PE kit (black or red jumper, white t-shirt and black leggings)
- Homework and spellings are set on a Friday. Spelling tests will be on the following Friday.
- Please ensure children bring their books daily in to school so we can also read with them in class.
- Friday 3rd February – Number Day. Please see separate letter/seesaw for more information. Children are asked to dress as Rock Stars for the day as part of our re-launch of Times Table Rock Stars.