

Autumn 1 Newsletter



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As God's family, together we achieve

This half term, our British Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Tolerance**.

This half term, our Christian Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Generosity**.

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays. As you are aware, Year 6 is an important year. There will be lots of hard work but it is also important for the children to enjoy their final year of primary school and have fun! I am looking forward to teaching them this year!

Our theme this half term is *Native Narratives* where we will be focusing on the continent of Africa including the cultural heritage.

In **English**, we will be reading *The Boy who Harnessed the Wind*. This is a fantastic, inspirational true story. The children will be writing a first person narrative from the narrator's point of view. We will also be exploring poetry by Hussain Manawar in this unit. In our non-fiction unit, the children will be writing a hybrid text relating to our topic. In **History**, we will be exploring the African kingdom of Benin. We will be creating a chronological timeline of this period and investigating the impact of the events that occurred in that time. We will particularly focus on how the kingdom came to an end and we will be creating a presentation for Queen Victoria about whether Britain should invade. In **Art**, the children will be completing a Batik design using African-inspired patterns. We are going to be looking at zentangle patterns initially, completing a design matrix using repeated line patterns. We will then apply these designs to fabric, using glue to resist dye. In **Science**, we will be classifying living things including unfamiliar plants and animals that are found in Africa. We will use our knowledge on how living things can be grouped to construct classification keys. In Music, we are going to be looking at the song *Something inside so strong* by Labi Siffre. We are going to be looking at the lyrics which are about the apartheid in South Africa and singing in unison.

Make sure you look at our class page on the school website. I will be updating it each week to show you what we have been getting up to!

Kind regards,
The Year 6 Team



Texts to support your child's learning this term

Children of the Benin Kingdom – **Dinah Orji**
Idia of the Benin Kingdom – **Ekiuwa Aire**



Reminders

- Please ensure your child reads at least **three times a week**. It is so important for developing fluency, stamina and vocabulary! We will be checking reading records each Wednesday.
- Children are also expected to log on to Bedrock whenever possible.
- Times tables are really important and help in all areas of Maths. Please encourage your child to practise as often as possible!
- Homework grids will be on the website each half term (optional).
- Maths and English homework will be sent out weekly this year.

Sports Days

This half term, the Year 6 P.E. lessons are on

Thursdays and Fridays

Please ensure children come to school in their sports uniform on these days.

Key Dates

Wednesday 10th September – Life Education visit

Monday 8th September – Y6 parent and carer meeting

Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th September – Robinwood

Thursday 25th September – Flu vaccines
Friday 26th September – MacMillan coffee morning

Monday 29th September – Inclusive dance workshop

Thursday 2nd October – Spirituality afternoon

Friday 10th October – Wear yellow for mental health day

Monday 13th October – Outdoor learning PM

Monday 20th October – DACA music concert

Friday 24th October – School closes for half term