**Welcome to Year 6- we hope you had a lovely Summer!**

You can follow our class twitter pages to keep up to date with what is happening in the classroom **@Yr6Cedar @Miss\_Sparrowyr6 @Yr6Oak**

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**Year 6’s learning this half term:**

**English:**

In English this half term, the children will be starting our new core text, ‘Gorilla Dawn’ by Gill Lewis. We will be working towards creating an internal monologue in the role of the main character using some of the exciting, thrilling key events that take place in the story. They will be using skills that they have learned, including: using emotive language, punctuation for sentence structure, show not tell and a variety of sentence openers to engage the reader.

**Maths:**

In Maths this half term, Year 6 will begin by focusing on reading, writing and rounding whole numbers up to 10,000,000 before applying the same skills to decimal numbers with three decimal places. They will then move on to calculation and will revise the methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using a formal written method.

**Science:**

In Science, the children will be exploring living things and their habitats. They will begin by describing and justifying how living things are classified according to their characteristics. They will also observe and group different species in an ecosystem before developing a scientific hypothesis to test, observe and evaluate.

**RSE:**

Our RSE focus this half term will be linked to the safe relationships between family and friends. They will learn to recognise features of a healthy relationship and learn to assess risks.

**Art:**

In Art, the children are using the artist Kim Guthrie as inspiration this half term. They will be developing different techniques in order to show backgrounds and foregrounds and textures and detail.

**School value:**

Our school value for this half term is RESPECT. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

**General Information**

**PE:** PE will take place twice a week on Monday and Thursday for Year 6. **Children should bring their PE kits to school in a bag at the beginning of a half term. They will be taken home at the end of each half term**. These PE lessons will mostly be outside. Please ensure your child has warm kit for this including sensible shoes, trousers/joggers and a jumper.

**Reading journals**: Please ensure children bring in their reading journals to school every day. This allows teachers to check when children have achieved a book certificate and see how they’re progressing with their home reading.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle, filled with water, into class with their name on.

**Times Tables:** In Year 6, children will continue practising instant recall of their times table. This half term, children will focus on learning the 2,4,8 times tables. Remember that your child should use their Timestables Rockstars accounts at home to support them with this.

**Dates for the Diary:**

**23.09.21** – Meet the Teacher (via zoom)

**15.10.21** –Last day of Autumn 1

**Reading**

We do whole class reading **every day.** The children will work as a whole class, reading a range of texts that will help extend their literary understanding.

The children will change their home reading books once they have finished and returned their book. Children will choose a book of free choice to enjoy at home as well as having to bring it into class each day.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for twenty minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the reading book in their Reading Records. We appreciate all parental feedback.

**PE:**

PE this half term is acquiring skills in order to play a game of volleyball. Lessons will include developing defensive skills, learning how to rally a ball consistently and training to throw the ball into a space to win a point.

**RE:**

Our unit this half term is centred around understanding the different faiths and beliefs in Greenwich. The children will be looking at different religions in their local area, how these have changed over time and how all religious communities work to benefit the communities they serve.

**French:**

In French, the children will be learning to express different activities that they like and dislike.

**Curriculum:**

Our Curriculum focus this term is Human Rights with a focus on quality of life around the world. They will understand the importance of governments respecting and defending the human rights of citizens and will develop an understanding of current and historical human rights issues in different parts of the world. The children will study the ecosystems in rainforests with particular focus on the Amazon and Congo. Children will study the ecological importance of rainforests and their unique biodiversity. They will complete an in-depth comparative study of the physical and human features of the rainforests and the natural resources that are found in them. Children will consider the impact that colonies and colonisation had on indigenous people and how this affects the human rights and quality of life of the respective groups. As their project outcome, the children will design and launch a charity (campaign) to support the Rainforest Alliance or a company that supports Human Rights.