

# Spring Term 2024

Year 6



**Welcome back!** I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Thank you all very much for my lovely class gift! Last term was a busy one with lots of activities, fun and learning. This term is set to be much the same with plenty of challenges and excitement. It has been lovely getting to know the children and watching them grow into the many roles of year 6, including taking on the responsibility of being role-models for the school. They will continue to have lots of opportunities to do this as we progress through the following term.

## Homework

*Set on Monday, due on Friday.*

**Reading** - children to record when they read and a short reflection on their reading twice a week.

**Spelling:** 15 a week, taught on Monday and tested on Friday. 10 pattern words + 5 statutory spellings

**Times tables:** Own targets. Tested on Thursdays.

**Maths:** a short activity.

## Spring Focus

Our first topic that we will focus on this term will be all things **Evolution and Inheritance** linked to our literacy book 'Moth'. We will learn about how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment, what theories have contributed to our understanding of evolution today and identify how adaptation may lead to evolution. In the second half of the term, we will focus on **Marvellous Mountains**.

In science, our first topic will be evolution and inheritance. Our second topic will be animals including humans, looking at nutrition and exercise, the circulatory system and how our muscles work.

In art, we will look at the artist Rachel Ignotofsky and how to create biomes and habitats, linked with our science topic. In the second half of the term we will create heart sculptures to link with our work on the circulatory system.

In French, we will explore our local area and think about how to describe where we live, as well as revising our conversational skills with a partner.



## PE

Our PE days will be on  
**Tuesdays** and  
**Fridays**.

## Literacy & Numeracy

Throughout this term, we will continue to use class texts to develop our reading and writing skills. This term we will be focusing on three different texts: 'Moth', 'Skellig' and 'Rose Blanche'. Our focus genres this half-term are writing an evolution story about a polar bear and exploring the book 'Skellig'. In the second half of the term, we will write a chapter from a different point of view, as well as writing a diary entry.

In Maths this term, we will continue to develop skills including: measure, ratio, algebra, decimals, converting decimals, fraction and percentages, area, perimeter and volume and statistics. It is important for children to have a secure knowledge in number, such as quick mental recall of basic number facts and times tables. Please support your child in reinforcing these skills at home. We will support this in school through continuing to practice our arithmetic and times tables skills, improving our accuracy, fluency and recall of mental and written methods of calculation.

