



Year 6 Autumn Newsletter

It's your last year at St. Lawrence...let's set a great example for the rest of the school!

English: We have started our first book study on 'The Borrowers' which is going very well. We will be covering a range of writing styles across the term, including written work linked to our history/geography study of 'The Benins of West Africa'.

Throughout the term, we will have a strong focus on spelling, punctuation, grammar and sentence structures as well as editing and improving our work.

Please encourage your child to practise their spellings daily.

Maths: Children will be encouraged to develop their number strategies with increasingly large and complex numbers. We will be following the 'Teaching for Mastery' approach by covering place value, formal written methods, factors, fractions and geometry. There will be 'Greater Depth' and 'Diving Deeper' opportunities to support the learning as well.

KIRFs (key instant recall facts) These are attached to the newsletter. Please spend time revising these with your child regularly as they need to be able to master them to move through the curriculum.

Times tables

RockStars/Mathletics: Children will be reminded of their logins soon (although they should know them already). They are expected to use their contact books to record their homework and meet the deadlines. Mathletics is also expected to be completed - the children now need to get an award a week (1000 points).

Computing: Children will be learning how to input codes to produce their own apps and

games and will be learning about how to be safe online.

Art/DT: The children will be using their Pringles tube in an upcycling project and practising their sewing skills on the run up to Christmas.

Science: Science lessons will cover the following topics: Living Things and classification and The Human Body.

History/Geography: We will be studying the geography and history of Africa, focusing on Nigeria and 'The Benin' civilisation.

PE: Year 6 will be playing golf and netball in the first part of the autumn term. Our indoor sports are volleyball and gymnastics. Each class will have extra PE with our sports coaches (at different times throughout the year). Children must be able to take their own earrings out for PE, or ideally not wear them on those days. PE kits must always be in school and washed at least half-termly. They need to have the school PE jumper and navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings for cold weather. Children should not wear their uniform jumper/cardigan.

Equipment: Please make sure that your child is equipped with a 30cm ruler, pencil, rubber, pen, glue stick, whiteboard pen, protractor and colouring pencils. **All equipment should be clearly named and should be in school every day.**

Homework: Year 6 children will be set approximately 1 and a half hours of homework a week. This will include an English/other and also a maths homework activity and a task. There will be

occasions when more homework is given out to tie in with the curriculum. We expect all homework to be completed. If a piece of homework cannot be completed, please write a note to the class teacher. If your child is struggling with the homework, please do not hesitate to see your child's class teacher. English/other is due on Monday and Maths is due on Wednesday.

Reading: Children are also expected to use their home/school contact book for you to record their reading. Please encourage your child to read a range of texts, including fiction and non-fiction and read to an adult. Questioning your child about what they read is very important. Please see the VLE for question prompts.

We intend to set very high standards of behaviour, appearance, effort, presentation and homework - it's up to us to set the standard for the rest of the school!

Calling all parents!

The Year 6 team would welcome any willing volunteers to assist with any areas of expertise you might have (perhaps linked to our topic?). **We would especially appreciate parents coming in to listen to children read.** Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, if you think you may be able to lend a hand.

Mrs Rey, Miss Saunders & Ms Chalmers. (Year 6 teachers)

We hope that your child makes a positive start to Year 6 and enjoys all the challenges that the term ahead will bring!