

## Year 6 Cohort 2016 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6. We hope you had a great holiday, are fully refreshed and ready to help support and guide your children through the challenges of their final year in primary school. Sadly Mrs Hesketh has broken her arm and will not be in school for the first few weeks. Mr Grant will be covering during this time.

Please remember to inform us immediately of any changes in personal details eg. Telephone number, address, medical information with a doctor's note for allergies.

### Diary Dates

24<sup>th</sup> Sept.-European day of Languages (Bulgaria)

7<sup>th</sup> Oct- Grandparents morning and lunch

12<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Oct. - Parent consultations

### Curriculum overview

Through the term we will be studying the following topics:

- ART: We will create Pop Art and learn more about the science of colour.
- HISTORY: We will study the actions of people involved in The Bristol Bus Boycott and consider what this tells us about changing attitudes in Britain as well as considering how WW1 was portrayed in poetry.
- GEOGRAPHY: We will study land usage, clean water supply and how reservoirs are created.
- SCIENCE: We will find out about Light, how we see things and learn about Evolution and Inheritance.
- RE: We will look at the Hindu faith and consider the deeper meaning of festivals.
- DT: We will design and build periscopes, pinhole cameras and ray boxes to investigate light.

### PE

During Autumn Term, PE will be on Wednesday mornings and children should come suitably dressed for PE with uniform in a bag for the afternoon. As much as possible, PE will take place outdoors so please include trainers (not flimsy black pumps which offer little to no support for growing feet).

### Spellings

During this first week, Year 6 will be assessed against spelling lists they were given on move up day. The aim of this will be to identify spellings which they can practise independently on an ongoing basis and spelling rules we will cover in class. We will review a number of ways they can have fun practising spellings. (These can also be found on the school website so ask your child to explain them to you.)

Finally please remember if you have any concerns don't hesitate to come and see us. The best time to do this is at home time. If we can't help straight away we will be able to set a follow up time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hesketh, Mrs Walters, Mrs Trueman, Mrs Broad