

Autumn 2 in Year 6... Welcome Back!!



English:

Writing- We will begin the half term by looking at persuasive writing. The children will look at a range of persuasive techniques and explore how a writer can manipulate their audience in order to get them to do something or think in a certain way. We will then move on to writing poetry based on the famous book *The Lost Words*.

Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Children will have daily English skills sessions with a strong focus on reading skills and spelling accuracy. Spellings will be taught primarily through the Read Write Inc spelling scheme and consolidated through writing sessions.

Reading- This half term we will be reading *Holes*. We will look at a range of other texts to support this, including biographies, poetry, songs and persuasive speeches.

The best way to improve reading is to read at home daily! Please ensure children bring their reading and homeschool books into class every day. It would be very beneficial for you to discuss your child's reading with them.



Geography:

This half term, we will be asking the question, 'why are mountains so important?' which will focus on how the world's greatest mountain ranges are formed. We will look at mountain ranges in both England and the wider world, as well as famous mountaineers such as Hillary and Mallory. We will look at why the Cambrian mountains are so important to the people of Birmingham.

French:

We will be learning how to describe the different rooms in a house and who lives there. They will consolidate vocabulary and grammar through short writing tasks.

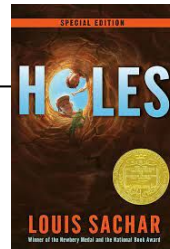
Science: Children will be learning about **classification** and how this is done. Researching key scientists will allow us to look at theories to help with the categorisation of plants and animals based on their characteristics. This half term we will also be recognising the **evolution** of living things that inhabited millions of years ago. This will cover the production of offspring and how animals and plants are adapted to their environments.



Music: Children will be developing their confidence through practising their singing and performing skills in preparation for the KS3 Christmas Carol service.

PE: We will be building on fundamental skills with handball and continuing our coordination, rhythm and collaboration through dance on a **Monday and Thursday**. **It is important that children come in wearing the correct PE uniform!**

Our virtual Classroom links:



Maths: We will be exploring and using methods to multiply and divide before moving on to converting fractions into decimals. We will also be understanding how to find percentages of amounts. **Children, as ever, should be confident with all times tables up to 12 x 12.**

RE: The children will be looking considering the question 'Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?' This will involve looking closely at Psalm 8 before listening to the views of Christian scientists. We will also consider how Christians believe that humans have a great responsibility for the earth.

Homework:

Children will be set Reading, Grammar and Maths homework weekly from homework books that will be provided for them. This will be set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday.



Computing: Children will be discovering the history of Bletchley Park, historical figures, and computer science. Children learn about code-breaking and password hacking as well as decoding messages. Children present information about historical figures.