

# Year 6

It's a new term!

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays and a happy new year! We hope you all had a great Christmas. We are looking forward to another term in Year 6 with some new topics!

If you need to speak to us for any reason during this term, we will be in the playground at the start and end of every school day (please see timetable below for to see who is teaching when). Alternatively, contact us via Class Dojo or leave a message with the school office and we will endeavour to call back at the end of the school day.

Here's to another exciting term!

Mrs Muranka & Mr Nino

### Important Dates for your diary:

**SATS Information evening—Monday 2nd February 4:30-5:30**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Mrs Muranka	Mrs Muranka	Mrs Muranka	Mrs Muranka	Mr Nino
Afternoon	Mrs Muranka	Mrs Winestein	Mrs Muranka	Mr Nino	Mr Nino

### Science

Our new topic is Evolution and Inheritance. This unit will build on knowledge from Year 3 where the children learnt about rocks and fossils. During this unit children will identify inherited traits and adaptive traits and understand that adaptation are random mutations. Children will also examine fossil evidence supporting the

Charles Darwin (1809-1882)



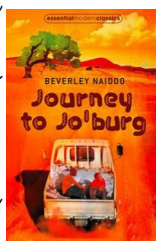
idea of evolution.

Lastly we will look at the difference between selective and cross - breeding.



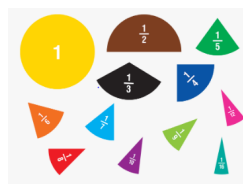
### English

In English, the children will be focusing on books relating to our new topic of Africa. We will be reading books such as Journey to Jo'burg, Africa is not a country and Journey to Freedom. The children will have the opportunity to write their own biographies as well as suspense stories. New grammar skills such as understanding passive and active voice will be embedded throughout our lessons and the children will receive spellings to practice at home on a weekly basis.



### Maths

This term, we will be continuing to look at fractions focussing on multiplying and dividing fractions by integers and looking at fractions of amounts. Later in the term we will be focussing on ratio. The children will continue to have both mental maths and arithmetic tests weekly: we work specifically on mental maths and arithmetic multiple times a week.



### Starbooks!

We will be continuing with our reading scheme this year and children should keep reading as much as possible at home! Children should mark off how many times they have read in their homework diaries and will earn a reward for reading 25,50,75 and 100 times.

## Geography

So far in KS2, the children have explored the following countries: South America, North America and Greece.

In Geography, will now focus on Africa and more specifically focus on the Kingdom of Benin. We will be learning about longitude and latitude (including; the equator, north and south hemisphere; Tropic of Cancer; Tropic of Capricorn; the north and south pole including the Arctic and Antarctic) as well as exploring time zones across the continent of Africa.



## Art

In Art, the children will be focussing on sketching and drawing in particular creating a lepidoptery mood board using drawing skills. Inspired by Margeret Fountaine, the children will produce detailed drawings from observations and photographs, displaying an awareness of objects having three dimensions with drawing. Children will also look at the effect of light on objects from different directions.



## RE

In RE we will be exploring the question: What can be done to reduce racism? Can religion help? We will discuss what racism is and why it is unfair as well as learn from the stories of the two statues in Bristol. We will explore the Golden Rule and Silver Rule and if these rules can reduce racism.



## PE

PE will still be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Your child **should come in suitable PE kit every Wednesday and Friday**. Please note that we will be doing PE outside the majority of the time so ensure your child has a thick coat.

## Homework Class Dojo & Planners

Homework will be given out in class every Friday afternoon. Homework is due in the following Friday where it will be marked as a class. Children should make sure their homework books are brought back into school to mark on Fridays. .

Spelling lists for this term will be given out along with this newsletter. There will be a spelling test every Thursday afternoon.

Each Friday, the children will receive a Maths and Reading task. On top of this, the children should practice their times tables at least 5 times per week on TT Rockstars (15 minutes) and are expected to read every night at home (3 pages or more). We always encourage the children to read independently and if your child does this at home, please sign in his/her homework diary so I can keep track in school.

The children all have a homework diary that they keep track of homework and the reading they do. I am so pleased to see most of the children using these books effectively. Each day I will continue to sign the children's diaries and sign at the end of the week once they have completed all homework. I encourage parents to also sign their child's homework diary at the end of each week. Children should keep track of how many times they have read in this book and tell me when they have read 25,50,75 or 100 times so they can receive their reward.

Year 6 Weekly Homework Breakdown 2 hours and 30 minutes per week			
Spellings	Times Tables	Reading & Writing	Maths
10 weekly spellings to practise ready for a test every Thursday	30 sessions of TT rock stars to complete weekly	Reading comprehension task to complete weekly Independent reading for 10 minutes, 3 times a week Writing and SPAG activity	Re-capping learning from class/ SATS style questions
Creative Homework Topic Grid with one activity to be completed termly.			

