

## Our learning this term:

This half-term we will be having a science focus, with the children completing three science units.

- Light and vision, this will focus on the eye and how light travels.
- Healthy eating and the digestive system, where the children will explore what a healthy and balanced diet looks like, how and why the body needs vitamins and nutrients and how the digestive system works.
- The heart and circulatory system, this focuses on the function of the heart and lungs and how to keep our hearts healthy.

In **English**, our work will be based around the story The Giant's Necklace focusing on narrative and descriptive writing. There will also be continual focus on grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling. We will also be reading stories and other texts, improving the children's comprehension skills and their ability to support their answers and ideas with evidence.

In **Mathematics**, we will continue to practise the arithmetic skills that we learned this year, helping the children to become more confident and proficient. We will also cover geometry and the properties of shapes as well as statistics. In **music**, each class will be continuing with their weekly online lessons with Mr. Kille (Cyprus Music Service), exploring aspects of the music curriculum through guitars.

In **PSHE**, the children will be exploring issues to do with keeping healthy and being kind to yourself.

All three classes will continue to have **Forest Schools** on a regular basis. The schedule for this will be shared with parents through Seesaw.

## <u>Routines</u>

On Mondays, all three classes will have an outdoor P.E lesson. Our indoor sessions are on a Wednesday for Madagascar and New Zealand class and on a Thursday for India class.

Spellings will usually be given out on a Monday for the children to practise at home; spelling tests will take place on Fridays.

Maths and English homework will be set each week – each class will be given their schedule for this by their respective class teacher. Library days:

Mrs. Humphries' class – Tuesdays

Mr. Collins' class – Wednesdays

Mrs. Cotter's class - Thursdays



## <u>Reading</u>

We will continue to emphasise the importance of reading at home and hope that the children will find this enjoyable and fulfilling. Reading regularly at home is crucial in Year 6 for helping children to make progress as readers. Our expectation continues to be that the children read for at least an hour a week, spread across four or more days. Ideally, children need to read for a sustained period of at least 15 minutes. We have plenty of books in our classrooms as well as in the school library.

The children need to use their reading diary to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'. Guidance on completing this section has been given to the children. Reading diaries are needed in school every day.