



### Our learning this term:

To begin with, we will be finishing our science topic of Electricity while in English we will be continuing with Michael Morpurgo's, *The Giant's Necklace*. We will then move on to a history unit of work based on the Ancient Greeks. A number of myths and legends from Ancient Greece will provide us with the main stimulus for this topic, in particular the Trojan War. In English, we will be reading and enjoying some of these stories as well as using them to develop our reading and writing skills. We will end our topic on the Ancient Greeks with some Design and Technology work which will have cooking and nutrition as its focus. As the half-term progresses, we will begin another science topic on Light.

Spelling and grammar will also continue to have a focus this term as we help the children to improve the accuracy of their spelling, develop their vocabulary and improve their skills as writers.

In mathematics, we are currently completing a unit on multiples, factors and prime numbers. We will then move onto a major unit of work on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be continuing to develop proficiency in arithmetic skills.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

#### **PE**

Please bring your PE kits in on a Monday so they are in for the week. They should be returned on Friday.

#### **Forest School**

Year 6 will have Forest School sessions this half term. They will begin the first week back with the final sessions in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November. Kipling Class will be on a Thursday; Sachar Class on Friday. Children should come appropriately dressed for Forest School with sun cream, closed shoes, hats and water bottles. If children do not have the appropriate kit, they will not be able to participate. Please can children also remember a change of clothes in case they get wet.

#### **Swimming**

Year 6 swimming lessons will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Lessons will resume in January for three more weeks. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit of close-fitting shorts (boys), a one-piece costume (girls), swimming hats. Jewellery should not be worn for swimming.

### Reading

Reading regularly at home is crucial in Year 6 for helping children to make progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 6 is that the children read, at home, at least four times a week for a minimum of one hour in total. However, we hope that the children will already be exceeding this target, or will aim to. The children need to use their Reading Diary to keep a record of their reading. Reading Diaries are needed in school every day.

Pupils will complete the reading quizzes from Accelerated Reader when they have completed their books which can now be done at home. Details of how to log on should be on the inside front cover of your child's Reading Diary. Remember, the class who quizzes the most wins a breakfast in the library! Due to Covid restrictions, each class has a time slot to change their books. Your continued support with developing your child's reading is appreciated.

### Times tables

It is important that your child practices their times tables. This can be done on TTRockstars. Daily short sessions of approx. 5-10 mins are more beneficial than longer weekly sessions. Please contact your child's class teacher if your child requires a login.

### Spellings

Your child has a Spelling Log Book which should go home every day and be back in school the following day. The log book contains spellings which are specific to your child's needs. The front of the book is used to log spellings which follow the rule being taught that week. The back of the book has lists of the 'tricky' spellings. Your child will highlight the ones they need to learn and tick off the ones learned.