

# Newsletter

September 2021

## Y6 Oak Class Newsletter - Autumn 2 – November 2020

Dear parents,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the challenge of Y6! We are excited to be starting a brand new term in Oak class

We are starting off the term with a mini topic of 'Be The Best You Can Be!' We will be identifying our strengths, weaknesses and aspirations and thinking about how we can reach our full potential by setting goals so we can be the best that we can be. During this topic, the pupils will study different famous people and find out how they have overcome challenges in order to be successful.

Our first topic this term is The Aztecs and our big questions is: 'How Amazing Were The Aztecs?' Throughout the topic, we will be discovering how the Aztecs ruled and about some of their most famous rulers. We will find out how they lived and how their way of life changed throughout time. We will also learn how the civilisation had to cope with conflict and invaders from other countries. We will investigate the trade of the Aztec people and how art was so important to them. Together, the class will find out about the religious beliefs of the Aztecs and what legacy they have left behind. We are excited to be learning this new topic.

In Mathematics this half term, we will be securing our number and place value skills, building on previous knowledge and looking at decimal numbers in more detail. These are very important parts of the mathematics curriculum so we will be spending time looking at them in depth. When we have a secure understanding of these concepts, we will be able to dig deeper into the subject in order to reason and problem solve proficiently.

In reading, we will be focussing on comprehension skills, so please help your child by supporting their reading at home and asking them questions about what they have read. I can also send home some general question prompts if this would help you understand the type of questions that the children are expected to answer. Please let me know if you would like a copy of these. Children will receive Dojos for reading at least 4 times per week and having their reading journal signed; there is also a chance to be awarded the special reading prize for the week and receiving a new book from our vending machine.

In English, we will be studying two novels titled 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and 'The 1000-year-old Boy'. We will be writing diaries and stories using these texts. We will also continue to grasp our SPaG skills including securing our knowledge of word classes, semi-colons, colons, speech punctuation. We will identify and use different sentence types and clauses in our writing and also continue to work on improving our spelling using a range of strategies. Each week we will aim to enhance our vocabulary knowledge by studying a new 'word of the week'.

In PE, we will be developing our skills with invasion games and in gymnastics. Our PE days are Monday (outdoors) and Wednesday (indoors) this half term. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit to school on these days and are able to remove earrings or bring their own tape/plasters to cover them up. Our science learning this term is light, where we will learn how light enables us to see and how shadows are created.

We hope you all enjoy this half term. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards, Mrs Haywood