Well here we are already at the start of half term 2!

**ENGLISH**

This half term, in English, we will be looking at a text called 'The Arrival.' This is a picture book with various episodes that tie in together. The children will be analysing episodes and deciding what may be happening. The children will be writing diary entries and eventually be writing a narrative in the first person. Later on in the term, the children will be writing a newspaper article based on the theme of immigration, which is one of the main themes identified in the book.

Extension English group will be using the same text however, they will be writing a series of letters from the main characters and using key vocabulary and a writer's tone set during World War 1. They will also be exploring newspaper articles from World War and then using these to write their own.

**MATHS**

In maths we will start by looking at fractions then moving onto measures. Here the children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills in converting different units of measure including time. We will also calculate area, perimeter and volume. We will be paying particular attention to parallelograms and triangles alongside revisiting rectilinear shapes. Later on, we will move onto understanding shapes further by comparing and classifying them. We will also name and label parts of a circle.

**SATS PACKS**

Your child will have already brought home a SAT pack last half term. If you have not already, please could you return the consent slip that was in the pack. In order to support your child with Maths and English, please work through the SAT packs provided. A reminder that these are for reference only and need to be returned after the SATs in May 2020. We shall also be sending home practice papers which your child has completed in school. This will give you an idea as to which areas that your child may need further support in.
Our topic this half term is 'What a Wonderful World.' This is predominantly a geography unit where children will be using their map skills. We will be looking at various continents, weather and physical features. The children will be looking at the impact of the environment on the lives of the inhabitants.

In Science our unit is 'Animals Including Humans.' During this time we will be considering ourselves as we live and grow. This includes looking at what makes a healthy lifestyle, circulatory systems, diet and exercise.

Work in R.E will focus on 'Incarnation'. The children will be making references between biblical texts and the messiah. They will be understanding the term 'transfiguration' and what this means to Christians today.

In French we will be continuing with conversational skills then looking at the unit 'My Family.' This will involve knowing the family members, describing them and discussing some house hold tasks.

P.E this half term will be gymnastics and they will be looking at sequences with rolls, balances and jumps.

PSHE this half term will focus on celebrating differences which will include anti-bullying week.

REMINDERS

Please continue to encourage children to read at home. Reading diaries should be filled in by the children, but please sign or initial to say that you have heard or seen them read.

Homework is set on Fridays, to be handed in by the following Wednesday. We do have some children who are not completing homework to these deadlines. Whilst we understand that there may be occasional reasons why the homework has not been completed, please encourage your child to plan their time so that they hand their work in on time. It is only a short time now until Secondary School, when homework will increase.

Please ensure that PE kit is in school everyday. As the weather is changing tracksuit bottoms and jumpers are very much needed in addition to their shorts and t-shirt.

It is really important that all children are in school on time. This so that they do not miss out on any learning opportunities we may have. Also, if your child is feeling a ‘little under the weather,’ please still send them in and we will always contact you if needed. Attendance is really important.

Thank you for your continued support and, as always, if there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 6 Team.