



Autumn Term 1 2018



Murderous Mayans

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Lydiard for another exciting school year and welcome to Year 6! We hope that you've all enjoyed your summer holidays and that the children have lots of stories to share with us. We would like to take this opportunity to fill you in on some of the details about Class 6 this year.

The Class 6 Team

This year, the Class 6 team will consist of Mr George as full-time class teacher and Mrs Morrison as class teaching assistant.

Murderous Mayans

We are starting off this year by looking at, in full Horrible Histories style, the Murderous Mayans. Over the course of this term, we will be discovering facts and theories about this mysterious ancient civilisation. As well as learning about the history of the Mayans and researching the geographic regions that they lived in, we will be studying a Mayan art style, recreating some Mayan clothing and evaluating some Mayan food.

In Science, we will be learning about the human body and the circulatory system in particular. Our RE discussions for this term will centre around whether religion and science are conflicting, complimentary, or somewhere in between. In our English lessons this term, we will be reading from Neil Gaiman's *Coraline*, an excellent short story from a fantastic author.

Home Learning

Spellings will be set on the Monday for a test on Friday and we will be testing the children on their times tables daily using Times Tables Rockstar. Instant recall of the times tables is very useful for simplifying complex Maths problems and we would encourage children to practice these regularly at home.

It is also important for children to read at home, whether with an adult or siblings, and we will be sending home reading records to encourage this. We will also be sending out pick and mix home learning sheets, giving children a range of topic-based activities to choose from for their home learning. These will be due each Friday.

Spelling Frame

We would also recommend spellingframe.co.uk. This is a free website that helps the children practise all of the spelling rules and exception words at KS2. The children will be using it in class this year - it's an effective tool that's simple and easy to use!

School Value

Our value for this half term is Thankfulness, which seems appropriate as we get ready to start a new school year.

Thinking of good things

Happy memories

All creation praising God

Not taking anything for granted

Keeping focused on the positive

Feeling blessed

Understanding the sacrifices people make for us

Living joyfully

Not complaining

Expressing gratitude to God

Saying thank you to those who help us

Showing gratefulness by our deeds.

Bikeability

This academic year, we have planned to offer Bikeability courses to Year 6 children in the Autumn 2 term. These courses teach children to use bikes safely on the road and to ensure that their biking equipment is appropriate. An interest letter was sent out to gauge which children would like to take part on Wednesday, with responses due by **Wednesday 12th September**.

Curriculum Meeting

The Year 6 Curriculum Meeting will be held in Class 6 at 3.45pm on Monday 10th September.

If you have any questions about this, or any other issues over the course of the year, please contact a member of the Class 6 team for clarification. Feel free to catch us in the playground, make a phone call before or after school, or send us an email via the school office.

Best wishes,

The Class 6 Team