



# YEAR 6

## Summer 1 Newsletter



### English



We will start the term looking at the book *The Gir-ant's Necklace* by Michael Morpurgo. We will produce a variety of writing genres such as diary entries, character descriptions, formal letters, newspaper reports and an 8-part ghost story. A focus on grammar, and punctuation will be incorporated into lessons to help prepare children for their SATs SPAG test.

In guided reading will be focussing on our retrieval and inference skills with 'cold' reading tasks in order to develop essential skills for answering SATs type questions. Alongside this, we will be reading *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman which is about a teenage boy who undergoes a heart transplant.

### Maths



We will be following the Power maths programme, which challenges and stretches children's thinking and skills in mathematics.

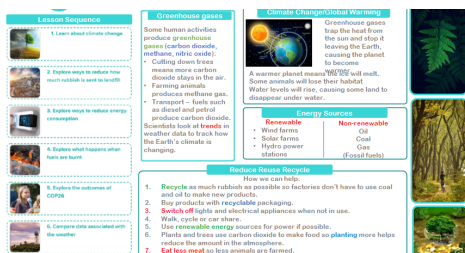
The units we will cover this term include:

- Geometry
- Statistics
- Algebra.

In addition to this we will focus on our arithmetic and reasoning skills with a focus on SATs type questions.

### Science

Our science unit for this term will be *Looking After our Environment*, where children will learn about the global problems we are all facing and how climate change is affecting our local area.



During the afternoon sessions children will be taught:

**SPAG** - we will be focussing on word types and their positions within formal and informal sentences.

**Computing** - We will be looking at machine learning and artificial intelligence.

**Geography** - Where does our energy come from?

**R.E.** - Islam: Does believing Akaria (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?

**JIGSAW** - Relationships

Our whole school 'Core Value' this term is

**Confidence**



PE is every Friday:

Our focus this half-term will be the physical learning cog. During this unit children will be taught how to co-operate well with others and encouraged to give helpful feedback to play "Jumpball". They will also acquire the skills to organise roles and responsibilities to guide a small group through a task.

For all PE sessions please remember to remove earrings, send children with their water bottles and have suitable footwear for indoor or outdoor P.E.. During this term; we will try to utilise the outside space as much as possible.

### Home Reading Records

Please ensure children bring their reading books and reading records to school daily and please encourage them to read regularly at home. When possible please hear your children read aloud to help develop their fluency and confidence.



Weekly maths homework will be set on Learning By Questions and spelling homework will be set on Spelling Shed to practice.

If your child finds any of this difficult please assist them where possible and advise them to speak with the class teacher or Miss Wright and extra support or advice can be given.

TT Rockstars practice is also recommended to develop fluency with their times tables.