



Year 6 Newsletter – January 2025



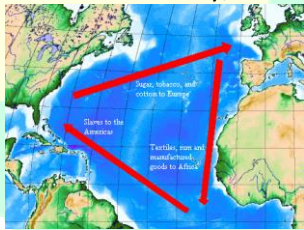
Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and had a fantastic time with families. Thank you so much for your lovely Christmas gifts. It's going to be another busy term for Year 6 building on the amazing work and effort from Term 2.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on Measure, Ratio and Geometry as well as revising methods of the addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. The children will continue to begin each lesson with short snappy arithmetic calculations. They will have the opportunity to become more familiar with SATs style questions in preparation for the tests in May.

In **English**, we will be focusing on characterisation and dialogue to move the story on. In our non-fiction, we will be writing explanation texts linked to Science. We will continue to teach reading comprehension skills using high quality texts.

Our **History** focus this term is Slavery. The children will be focusing on the key questions: What is a slave? What was the triangular Atlantic slave trade? What was life like for the enslaved people? When was the slave trade abolished in Britain? And finally, looking at who Edward Colston was and why his statue was toppled in Bristol Harbour in 2020.



In **Science**, we will be practising our investigative skills through our topic 'Light'. We will be looking at how light is reflected, if light can change direction, what effect a prism has, whether we all see the same colours, and finally, what legacy Issac Newton left?

Our **Computing** unit explores the concept of variables in programming through games in Scratch. Children will be finding out what variables are and relate them to real-world examples of values that can be set and changed. Then use variables to create a simulation of a scoreboard. They will experiment with variables in an existing project, then modify them, before they create their own project. Finally, the children will

apply their knowledge of variables and design to improve their games in Scratch.

Our **Jigsaw** topic is 'Dreams and Goals' where we will be thinking about our dreams, setting realistic goals and how to cope when our dreams don't turn out how we want them to or we don't quite achieve our goals. In **Music** this term we will be focusing on 'Being Happy'. We will be learning and performing Happy by Pharrell Williams. Happy is a Pop song that has a soul music sound and groove from the 1960's. We will also be learning to play the glockenspiel to this song.

P.E:

The children have P.E on Wednesday and Thursdays this term. Children need to wear their school PE kits into school on these days. School PE kit is a white T-shirt, trainers, black shorts or joggers and a black or school sweatshirt.

Homework:

Just a reminder that children should be completing their homework each week. It is given out on Monday and needs to be returned the following Monday. There will be a big emphasis on times tables again this term and at this stage children should be able to recall all facts both as multiplication and division. Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home and they are recording in their reading record.

Key Dates

21.1 2025 – SATs information evening 3.30
6.2.2025 – Safer Internet Day
14.02.2025 – Non school uniform day (PTA Dress Down Doughnut Day)
17 – 21.2.2025 – Half term

Finally, if you have any questions or queries contact us via the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Harriman