Year 6 Newsletter – September 2025

It is lovely to welcome all the children back after the summer holidays. The children have settled so well into the new routines and have shown great maturity and positive attitudes so far. This year will be packed with all the challenges and activities that are unique to Year 6. It is going to be a very busy but exciting year.

Topics for this term:

This term, in **English**, the children will be reading The Last Alchemist by Colin Thompson. We will be using this book to help inspire our setting descriptions and stories.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and looking at their relationship with decimals and money. It is vital that the children are still practising times tables at home if they do not yet know them all.

In **Geography:** We will be exploring South America and the Amazon Rainforest. We will be locating where in the world the Amazon is, how it benefits people both locally and globally and looking at some of the affects deforestation has on the animals and people that live it the Rainforest.

Jigsaw: During our Jigsaw lessons we will be exploring 'Being Me in My World'. We will cover facing new challenges positively, understanding our role and responsibilities as citizens in our country, understanding that rewards and consequences result from our behaviour choices, explore how our choices can impact others.

In the following subjects we will be studying:

Computing – E- safety and Advert making
RW – Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?
French – We will focus on the home and words and phrases associated.
Science – Adaptation and Evolution

P.E kit:

The children will have PE on a Wednesday & Thursday. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits. Please ensure the children come prepared for all weather.

Homework:

Homework will be given out on a **Monday** and must be returned by the following **Monday**. There will be a spelling focus for the week and children will be expected to learn the spellings, use in their writing and complete weekly spelling quizzes.
Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home and they are recording this in their reading record. I will expect to see reading records in school daily with their reading books.
With secondary school only a year away, it is important we encourage the children to work on their independence and time management skills in order to complete their work on time. Try to encourage your child to find a quiet space to complete their homework, practise their spellings and read.

SATs: 10th – 13th May 2026

SATs can often be a scary thought for children. However, with the Maths and English lessons planned over the school year and the practice tests to help children feel more confident, they will be ready for the challenge ahead. There will be a parents information evening planned for Term 2.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns at any point during the year, do not hesitate to contact me. I am available at the end of the day or via email. All emails are to be directed to the school office and these will then be forwarded on.
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Many thanks for your support,
Miss Harriman

Key Dates
24.09.26 – Individual Photographs
09.10.26 – Harvest Festival
12.10.26 – INSET Day
26.10 – 01.11 – HALF TERM
02.11.26 – Start of Term 2