

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you have had a great summer and are ready for a fantastic year ahead. Here's a round up of all of the things we will be learning this term:

	Half term 1	Half term 2
Maths	<p>Place Value – rounding, ordering and comparing numbers up to 10mill; determining the value of each digit Use negative numbers in context and calculate intervals across zero</p> <p>Calculations – addition/subtraction/multiplication/division formal methods (see calculation policy on school website) Perform mental calculations; identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers</p>	<p>Fractions – simplifying fractions; comparing and ordering fractions; adding and subtracting fractions; multiplying fractions; dividing proper fractions by whole numbers</p>
English	<p>Class text – ‘Wonder’ by R J Palacio Class text – ‘Clockwork’ by Phillip Pullman We will explore these texts in detail and will use them to influence our own pieces including discussions, newspaper reports, narrative writing, formal and informal letters and diary entries.</p>	<p>Class text – ‘A Christmas Carol’ by Charles Dickens Christmas poetry using ‘The Grinch’ as a stimulus.</p>
Science	The heart and keeping healthy	The heart and keeping healthy
RE	What does it mean if God is loving and holy?	Why is pilgrimage important to some religious believers?
Topic	The Tudor Dynasty: Investigating the influence Tudor monarchs have had on British history	
Art/DT	<p>Art: Portraits Investigating artists at time of Tudors: Leonardo Da Vinci, Giuseppe Arcimodo, Hieronymous Bosch Harvest artwork Remembrance Day artwork</p> <p>DT: Textiles—making fabric monsters Christmas cards</p>	
PE	<p>Indoor - sportshall athletics (Monday) Outdoor - netball (Wednesday)</p>	
Computing	<p>Image editing Graphic design Programming in scratch</p>	
French	<p>Sports Clothing</p>	
Music	<p>Charanga units: Happy by Pharrell Williams Instruments: Glockenspiels</p>	
PSHE	Me and my relationships	Valuing difference



Important information

- Our PE days are **Monday** (indoor) and **Wednesday** (outdoor). Please come to school in your school PE kit.
- Spellings will go out on a **Monday** to be tested the following **Friday**. Spellings are so important and must be learnt. A copy will always be on the school website.
- We will have a weekly times tables/mental test on a **Monday**.
- **Mrs Paterson** will be working with us every day supporting in class. **Miss Gray** will also be teaching in class until Christmas.
- **Mrs Bell** will be teaching us on a Thursday afternoon.

Dates for the diary

Date TBC— trip to Tynemouth Priory

22nd September - Years 5/6 singing at Herring Girl unveiling, Fish Quay

4th October - School photo day

Date TBC - Harvest Festival

Homework

- **Reading**—the most important thing you can do in year 6 is read for pleasure. I'm excited to see what books you are reading and remember we have the 100 book challenge at school which are all fantastic books.
- **Spellings** - weekly spellings will be tested every **Friday**. We will also practise every day in school but the spellings can get quite tricky and will require practise at home.
- **Times tables** - There will be a times tables test every **Monday**. **TTRockstars** is amazing for practising your times tables. It is crucial you know all of your times tables.
- **Arithmetic**—I will also be sending a short arithmetic activity home to ensure you have understood what we have been learning about in school. This should take no more than 20 minutes. This will be given out on a **Tuesday** to be in the following **Monday**.

I am very much looking forward to working with all of you this year and know it is going to be a great year!

Mrs Wake , Mrs Paterson and Miss Gray :)

