



# YEAR 6 AUTUMN TERM 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to what we hope will be a sustained period of relative normality! We very much look forward to a successful year ahead with your support and feedback.

## English

This term we will be reading 'A Monster Calls' written by Patrick Ness. The book covers several hard-hitting themes such as coping with grief, the loss of a loved one, and the internal battle with our emotions.

We will explore various genres through our core text complete a variety of narrative pieces.



## Maths

This term in Mathematics, Year 6 will be looking at a wide range of mathematical skills and how to apply them successfully across a broad range of different contexts. This will help the children to boost their understanding of key concepts and also help to gain confidence that may have been lost during the enforced break. We will be covering many topics such as number and place value with reasoning, algebra and addition and subtraction. This term will be key to securing various arithmetic skills around the four operations and basic addition and subtraction of fractions.

## Science

We will be learning about light. Why does light travel in straight lines? How can we prove this? What colours make up white light? We will also be investigating how we can affect the size of shadows as well as securing scientific vocabulary: transparent, translucent and opaque.



## Topic

As part of our learning related to 'A Monster Calls', Year 6 will be conducting a project that helps promote mental wellbeing in the school. The children will decide what form this will take. This project will last over the whole autumn term.



## Learning at Home

It is vital that children are reading at least twenty minutes at home every day. This will directly impact their learning not just in this academic year but going forward into secondary school. Furthermore, it is of paramount importance that the Year 6 children practice their times tables and spellings regularly at home.

## Reminders/Important Dates

Please do not book any holidays during the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> May, as this is when the children will be sitting their SATs tests.

Wb 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 11+ selection tests.

Our Values

Resilience

Kindness

Equality

Courage