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Curriculum Newsletter Year 6 – Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

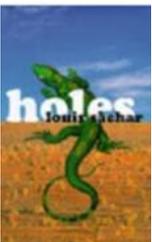
We are delighted to welcome the children back after the summer holidays; we hope you enjoyed spending time with your families. Year 6 is a very special year for the children and their final year at Primary school. There are many fantastic things for the children to look forward to this year including our residential visit to Runways End in March. We will keep you updated with other important dates throughout the year. There will be a Meet the Teacher session after school in the first term and we will inform you about this in the near future.

This half term in geography we will be learning why the population changes. We will learn about birth rates and death rates, migration and climate change.

In art we will be learning about the artist David Hockney; we will be recreating some of his landscape art work using oil pastels and water colours.

In maths we will begin to work on place value and fractions.

In our French lessons each week we are focussing on different sports in French.



In our Jigsaw lessons we will look at being me in my world and understanding our hopes and dreams for the year ahead. We will also start our No-Outsiders journey.

In science we are beginning our unit on sound.

We are very excited to start reading Holes in English- the children will be writing diaries, letters and then they will be writing about Yellow-Spotted Lizards. We will also look at using persuasive techniques to write a holiday brochure.

Homework

We will set homework on **Fridays** each week which will usually be a maths task that follows on from the weeks learning and spellings. Each weekend children should also spend a little time on TTRockstars and also Spelling Shed. We will always set spellings that your child needs to work on and that we have worked on in school. We will test children on their spellings each Friday. We will also send home a short maths task too. Reading is the MOST important thing that the children should continue to do at home. We encourage children to read at least 5 times a week. Please ensure reading diaries are signed and brought to school each day.



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Help at home with Maths

Please continue to support your children with their maths homework when we send the sheets home each week. BBC Bitesize is a great online resource as there are revision tips and also quizzes for each maths area. Woodlands is also a great resource for maths games. Times tables are so important in many areas of maths, so working on these along with the related division facts is helpful. For example: $9 \times 9 = 81$ so $81 \div 9 = 9$ $90 \times 9 = 810$ so $810 \div 90 = 9$. Find opportunities for telling the time and also adding and subtracting time. For example: The time is 10:35am- What will the time be in half an hour?

PE

Our PE sessions this half term are on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. On one of our sessions we will be doing activities based around collaboration. We are fortunate this term to have Pompey in the Community coming to teach Dance. This session will occasionally be outside so the children do need appropriate clothing for this.

Library

We will be visiting the library each week. Please ensure your child returns their book as soon as they are finished.

Contacting us

If you need to get in contact with us, please remember to use our year group email address: year6@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk

Thank you for your support,

Mrs. James and Mr. Moss



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