

Dear families,

Welcome to autumn term in Year 6. We have an exciting term ahead!

The adults supporting your children in class are as follows:

6L: Miss Lambert and Mrs Seal

6MH: Mrs Martin (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Harvey (Thursday and Friday) and Mrs Gardiner.

P.E days are Wednesdays and Fridays. Please send your children into school in their P.E kit on these days.

English

As part of our 'Amazing Africa' learning, we will be reading 'Gorilla Dawn' by Gill Lewis and exploring its themes. This book, along with our Africa topic, will inspire our writing of non-chorological reports. This term we will also be completing two narrative 'Talk for Writing' units focusing on character and setting.

Spellings will be taught, investigated and practised in lessons and should be learned in preparation for a spelling test at the end of the half term.

Maths

This term in maths we will be looking at place value, revising addition and subtraction and learning long multiplication and long division. After half term, we will be looking at fractions including calculations using the four operations. We finish off before Christmas with converting units.

Science

This term in Science we will be looking at light. We will learn about light sources and how we see things, investigate reflections and experiment with how to plot a light course and why this is useful. Within our electricity topic, we will learn how to make circuits with a variety of components, understand the symbols and how to draw a circuit, progressing towards creating a circuit for a purpose.

Other subjects

As part of our geography topic 'Amazing Africa', we learn about the physical geography of the continent of Africa, its diversity and explore issues relating to natural resources, specifically in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We will also study the work of the African artist Edward Tingatinga and learn the techniques he and his followers use to create our own Tingatinga paintings, as well as create our own African animal clay tiles.

Trips and events

This term there will be an opportunity for children to learn about Shakespeare's Macbeth from a travelling theatre company. They will also visit a local secondary school to get a taste of what a day in secondary school will be like.