



## **Year 6 Newsletter**

### **Term Two**

A warm welcome back to Term Two. We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed your time together! We were really impressed with the start the Year 6s have made to the academic year. They are already proving to be a lovely year group and are working hard. We have also had some new starters in our year group and the children have made them feel really welcome. This really does show the BEST side of the characters of the children.

BEST does play a huge part of our school lives and this term's topic is a really important part of this. The topic is called 'Prejudice' and it looks at how we are all equal and should be treated as such. Sometimes this topic can be very sensitive for our school as we have such a wonderful school community made up of so many languages and nationalities. This is what makes our school such a great place to be!

We are still continuing the use of our email address for any non-urgent correspondence. Of course, you can still call the school or speak to one of the staff on the gate for any pressing matters. The address is [year6@standensbarn.org.uk](mailto:year6@standensbarn.org.uk) Please just bear with us when awaiting a reply - we will get back to you as soon as we can.

### **Literacy**

Reading is very important to us at Standens Barn. Each class will have a book they will read together on a regular basis with their class teacher. Children will also be given the opportunity to read regularly with an adult in school. We

cannot stress enough how important it is for children to read at home independently and with an adult where possible. The core text for our reading and writing will be *Journey to Joburg* by Beverley Naidoo and *Once* by Morris Gleitzmann. Both of these books look at persecution and the important messages that we as readers can learn from such texts. In writing, the children will be creating a balanced argument about whether the statues of renowned slave traders should be displayed in the public. They will also use their knowledge of the book *Once* to create a diary entry on the main character Felix.

### **Maths:**

We will continue our focus on the four operations this term before moving onto fractions. Reasoning skills will also be explored and looked at during our lessons. We will also look at arithmetic skills including times tables. At home, it is important that the children continue to learn their times tables as this is a key factor in many areas of maths. Homework will be set through MyMaths with children being given access to this through their username and password.

### **Science**

This term we will continue to work on our Human Body topic. We look at the main organs and how diet and exercise impacts our life and health.

### **French**

This term Year 6 will build on their previous knowledge of French grammar, applying it to the topic of the area they live in. There will be a specific focus on conversational French and giving opinions with justifications.

### **Art**

Our artwork this term will be based on the African artist Edward Tingatinga. His colourful representations will be studied and evaluated before the children create their own based on their interpretations of the artwork.

### **Computing**

This year we are starting a new scheme of work in computing that is provided by the NCCE in conjunction with STEM. This will lead us to many exciting projects. This term we will be looking at multimedia and will look at webpage creation. They will look at how webpages are created before having a go at creating their own based on their own interests.

### **Geography**

This term we will be looking at earthquakes which is a new topic for us in Year 6. They will look at how the Earth is structured and how it is made up of tectonic plates. They will look at what causes earthquakes and the impact and consequences of these natural phenomena .

## **PE:**

6C will have PE this term on Wednesdays and the topic will be athletics followed by gymnastics. On Thursdays, 6D will be going swimming. A separate letter was sent earlier in the week regarding this.

## **Helping your child at home:**

Children in Year 6 are expected to complete their weekly homework tasks to earn their BEST time each week. This includes weekly spellings, reading at least twice and recording in their homework diaries and completing the maths work set for them. Homework is expected to be completed by the following days so that children can receive their full golden time.

**Spellings:** Our spelling tests are on Fridays with children receiving their new spellings the same day. A list of expected Year 6 spellings is also available.

**Reading:** Reading records are checked on Friday mornings. We encourage children to read with an adult where possible and discuss what has happened in the text. Children must read a minimum of twice a week and this should be recorded on Boomreader as per last year.

**Maths:** Maths homework will be set on Thursdays and is expected to be completed by the following Thursday. Times tables will always be tested on a Friday.

## **Important diary dates:**

Parents Evening - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Parents Evening - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Christmas Disco - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm - 7.30pm

In addition to this, we will be running further trips. A trip to Drayton Manor will take place in early June and to the seaside at Hunstanton in late June. The combined cost of these trips will be around £30-£35 but further details will be sent in good time. We will also have a prom (provisional date Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July) and a production (provisional dates Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm).