

A note from Mr Bainbridge and Miss Calvert

Welcome back – We hope you've had a lovely summer break, and the children are looking forward to Year 6. We very much look forward to working with the children and seeing them grow.

Should you ever need or wish to contact me with any questions, you can email the class email class12.seascope@durhamlearning.net or give the school office a call, and I will get back to you.

Year 6– Class 12 Autumn Term

Important Reminders:

Children in Year 6 are able to walk home on their own, but permission needs to be given. If you would like your child to walk home, please could you either let myself or the office know.

In the first half term, we will be going swimming on a Tuesday. In the second half term, PE will be on a Monday afternoon. We will be learning some **rugby skills**. Children should come into school in their PE kit.

Children also complete the active mile on a Monday and Tuesday, so they may wish to bring trainers to change into for this activity.

This term in class we are learning about...

- **English** – our Guided Reading text is 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', which is a story about a young boy who is evacuated to the countryside during World War 2.
- **Art** – our Culture Week country is Brazil where we will be learning about Tarsila do Amaral and using acrylic paints. Our first art topic is all about developing art skills; such as through mixing colours using primary colours.
- **History** – our first History topic is the Ancient Greeks. Children will be learning about cultures and past times. After October half-term, we will be studying the Tudors, specifically looking at their beliefs.
- **Geography** – our first Geography topic is all about map features. Children will learn about features on a map and will also learn how to read grid references. After October half-term we will be exploring International Trade.
- Science – our first Science topic is all about light, through which children will explore how shadows are created and how they can change.
- **D&T** – our first topic is all about frame structures. The children will be working in groups to create a kite.
- **Computing** – our first topic is all about the importance of secure passwords and the importance of Bletchley Park during World War 2.

Homework:

We will continue to be set homework online for maths and spelling each Monday, which needs to be completed by Friday. A paper copy will also be sent home each week.

Banded books will be checked through the week and replaced once completed. Please ensure your child brings their banded book into school each day, and try to read with your children at home 3 times a week. Thank you for your support.

Educational Visits and assemblies this half term:

We have the following activities this half-term:

- Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October → Parents Evenings (details TBC)
- Friday 30th September → Class 12 assembly (details TBC)
- Thursday 15th December → Year 5/6 Christmas Party
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