

# Year 6 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

## What your child will be learning this term:

### Curriculum

#### Topic – China

During this half-term we will be studying the geographical features of the country, including the Yangtze river. We will be looking at life in China today and researching interesting places to visit in the country.

#### RE/PSHE

During RE this term we will be learning about Buddhism and we will be having a visit from a practicing Buddhist. PSHE will involve us learning about 'Getting on and Falling out'.

#### Maths

We follow the numeracy framework for maths and will be covering elements of calculations, measures, data handling, problem solving and shape and space.

#### Literacy

In literacy we are looking at the fiction text *Holes* which is a fantastic book by Louis Sachar. We will also be basing our Guided Reading on this text. In our build up to Christmas, we will be looking at a classic text *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

#### Science



In our second-half term project, we will be studying Inheritance and Evolution. We will be researching why animals and plants become extinct and how they have adapted to their environments. We will also be studying Mary Anning and Charles Darwin and how they have contributed towards science in this area.

### Trips / Visitors / Experiences for the term

- Parent's evenings Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- School photos Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Visit from a practicing Buddhist Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas jumper day and dinner Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Pantomime visit at school Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 6 Christmas Concert Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm.
- Chinese celebration (parents and carers welcome) Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am
- End of term (finish at 1.15pm) Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.



**Many dates are still to be confirmed. Please see the dates attached to school newsletter and check the school website for updates.**

### Home Learning



All children should have a bag in which to carry their reading book and homework.

It is important that your child reads each day at home and that an adult hears them read as often as possible. Children should read for at least 15 minutes. In year 6 we are happy for children to make a note themselves of what they read, but a signature and comment when an adult hears them is always useful so we can see how they are getting on. Children have been issued with a homework diary/contact book which they will be expected to maintain themselves as this is good practice for secondary school.

Children will be carrying out a home learning project based on Ancient China. Alongside this they can expect to receive maths (which will be on-line) and maths facts. Homework reinforces the work we are doing at school and promotes independent learning. We also believe it prepares them for secondary school (although they will receive significantly more there!). It is the responsibility of the child to ensure homework is completed neatly and the best of their ability and that it comes back to school **on time!** You can help your child by making sure they have a quiet space to complete their homework at home and basic equipment available e.g. a black pen (not biro), pencil, coloured pencils, paper, dictionary, ruler. Other equipment such as a basic maths set, calculator and thesaurus are also useful.

Parents often ask us about study guides/revision books that children can use at home. The CGP study guides, Collins and Letts books available in book shops and online and the workbooks that accompany these are very good. There are many others available too and anything that encourages and enables your child to revise at home is useful! Look for books marked KS2, Year 6, 10-11 years or SATs. There are also many useful websites children can learn from such as the Woodlands Junior School site, [mathszone.co.uk](http://mathszone.co.uk) and our own school website has links to useful maths games for year 6 revision!



### Home/School Contact

We ask that if you wish to contact us you do this through our home/school contact books or make an appointment through the school office.

**School Rules** Stanwell Fields has now adopted a new school rule: Respect

| Uniform   |  |
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| Boys  | Girls  |
| Grey trousers or shorts<br>Royal blue sweatshirt<br>White school shirt or polo shirt<br>Black or grey socks                         | Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers<br>Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan<br>White school shirt or polo shirt<br>Blue and white school dress in summer<br>Black, grey or white socks or tights |
| Our school tie is optional<br>Black school shoes that fasten securely with a low heel.  |  |
| <b>PE</b><br>White T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers.<br>A tracksuit may be worn in the winter for outside lessons. |  |



**Please ensure all uniform is named.** Mislaid items can then quickly be returned. No jewellery should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the headteacher if you wish to request this. **We ask that children have their PE kits in school Monday through to Friday.**

### Parent Support in School

If any parents would like to offer some of their time and volunteer in school then please speak to Mrs Pyke and ask for a CRB form.

### Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time everyday. This is always important, but in year 6 even more so as we are preparing for SATS which this year starts on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Your child's target for attendance is 95%.