



# Year 6 Autumn 2020



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## CLASS INFORMATION

We have had a very successful start to the new year; thank you all for your support with enabling this. The children have all settled very well, and are showing a great attitude towards their learning. They are enjoying the new challenges being set on a daily basis, and are keen to learn.

If there is anything you wish to discuss with your child's teacher or TA then please don't hesitate to approach us, or if

## Foundation Subjects—Autumn Term

Science: Evolution and the Theory of Natural Selection

Geography: Exploring Biomes, in particular tropical rainforests.

History: The Industrial Revolution and life in Victorian Britain.

Exploring the British Empire.

Art: Graffiti and the work of the artist Banksy. Creating work showing life inside the rainforest.

## PE

PE is on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Humphreys and Mr Beet. Children are requested to come to school in PE kit which they will wear for the whole day.

We are improving our fitness levels, and also learning teamwork, striking and fielding skills in lessons, playing hockey, basketball and cricket.

## WHO'S WHO

**Class 11** - Katie Cook (Class Teacher),  
Diane Vanagelis (TA)

**Class 12** - Nic Holdridge (Class Teacher Mon-Weds),  
Debi Bedford (Class Teacher Thurs & Fri),  
Wendy Smith (TA)

## Additional Information

Half Term: 26th to 30th October  
Parents evening telephone appointments will take place after half term.

We will be visiting the National Space Centre on **Monday 14th December** to make up for the missed visit last year.

## ENGLISH

In English we are basing a lot of our writing around our class story, Street Child, exploring the language and themes which the author has used. We are learning to identify the key features of the text types and then applying them to our own writing. Throughout this term we will be focussing on various grammatical structures and features within sentences, and ways to edit our own work to improve it independently.

## WHOLE CLASS READING

Our class book is 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. This links to our history learning about the Industrial Revolution, and life in the Victorian times. We have been using this text alongside other nonfiction, fiction and poetry texts. We are also learning to locate key information from a piece of text to answer a range of comprehension questions, and working on our fluency and comprehension skills.  
After half term we will be reading 'The Explorer' by Katharine Rundell, which links into our geography topic of 'Rainforests'.

## MATHS

In Maths lessons, we have been recapping lots of key arithmetic skills in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) as well as introducing new year 6 content.  
You can help your child at home with their maths learning by helping them to practise their times tables or by asking them to show you how they work out the answers for their homework.