

## Year 6 Spring Newsletter

Welcome back to term 4. We hope that you all had a great break and are ready to come back and continue your hard work during the lead up to Easter.



### Writing:

This term in English, the book which we will be focusing on is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

Through reading and exploring this book, pupils will create pieces of writing which focus on dilemmas and contrasting viewpoints. Pupils will continue to develop their story writing techniques through plot development and using dialogue to progress the action.

Our grammar and punctuation will focus on the areas covered in writing and also help to address any misconceptions highlighted in the assessments pupils sat before the holidays.

### Reading

Pupils should be reading regularly at home and in school which will feed in to their comprehension work and also improve their writing for different purposes.



As we start the term, we will continue our work on decimals, percentages and also look at basic algebra.

This work will consolidate the pupils' understanding of fractions and how they and decimals and percentages are different ways of representing the same thing.

As we progress through the term, pupils will complete work based around converting units, shape and also ratio.

Throughout the term, we will continue to prepare the pupils for their upcoming SATs. This will be through regular achieve sessions and work on arithmetic and reasoning SATs style questions.



This half term in Science our topic is **Evolution and inheritance**.

We will look at how fossils are formed and why so many fossils are of sea creatures. This will feed into how scientists have used fossil records to build on Darwin's ideas around evolution and 'survival of the fittest'.

Pupils will look at inherited characteristics across both plants and animals and see how certain desirable features or adaptations lead to the gradual evolution of species.

Key Words: Evolution, Inheritance, Adaptation, Characteristic, Fossils



## *Other Curriculum Areas*



**Geography** – This term, our focus will be on sustainability and how we fossil fuels.

**P.E.** - We will be looking at **football** this term. Learning the different passes involved, the rules and how to work and communicate as a team.

**PSHE** – Our focus this term will be about attraction and different relationships which pupils might have.

**Languages** - We are joined each week by a languages teacher from Trinity Academy Halifax who is helping us to learn Spanish. Having this specialist teacher is a wonderful opportunity for the pupils.

### Things to Remember

PE is on a Tuesday afternoon – please can children remember their PE kit. It will be outside unless very wet so children can bring something warm to wear whilst in the lesson.

Achieve sessions continue to run every Thursday after school. Each week we focus on different areas of Maths and English. This is open to anyone in year 6.

Regular reading is excellent for all of our pupils, as is being given the opportunity to discuss the books which they are reading - this will help develop their understanding and improve their comprehension.

### Important Dates

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day**

**W/B 7<sup>th</sup> March – Science week**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – International Maths Day**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – break up for Easter**

### Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. We are getting an increased number of holiday requests during term time. All holiday requests during term time will be unauthorised.