

# Welcome back Year 6

**Hello** and happy new year to you all. It has been lovely welcoming you all back to school this week and the children have settled in very well. We are excited to get going with our learning as we have some wonderful topics and activities planned.

## Maths

This term the children will begin by looking at ratio and proportion. We will begin our study of Algebra as the term continues, with the study of function machines, formulae and equations. We will then be investigating decimal numbers, linked to place value and rounding.

### How can I help?

You can help by encouraging your child to complete the seesaw activities set by us. As always, any issues with homework can be resolved by contacting us on seesaw between 8am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

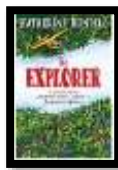
## English – Writing

This half term we will begin by reading *The Island* by Armin Greder. We will be looking at the problem of negative attitudes to people who are different! We will continue with a study of refugees and why people move countries. We will then move on to *Berlie Doherty's Street Child*. This links heavily to our study of Victorians in History.



## English – Reading

Our shared text is *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. Children do not need to have their own copy but are welcome to purchase a copy and bring it into school if you wish.



### How can I help?

Please, please read with your child for pleasure. Do not worry about the teaching of reading as this is our job, but sharing a book you both enjoy is a great way to keep reading going beyond the classroom.

## Curriculum

This term in Science the children will be learning all about classification. They will be able to identify and name different animal groups and describe their similarities and differences.



In History we are studying the impact Victorians had on our country. We will look at inventions such as the railways and cameras, discover industrialisation and investigate life as a Victorian child.

## Useful Information

**P.E. DAY Thursday** Children **MUST** bring their PE kits into school on this day. If you are struggling to provide a PE kit please let me know or mention it to Mrs Jameson or Mrs Stewart and we will see if we can support you with this.

**Mobile Phones** are permitted for **children who walk home only**. They will be collected and stored on your child's arrival. The school cannot take responsibility for the phones while on site.

**Sickness** – We understand there are lots of bugs going around at the moment and sickness cannot be helped. However, we would like your child to be in school as much as possible. We are desperate to win the attendance trophy on a Friday!



If you don't currently have Seesaw please speak to me as soon as possible. You are missing out on wonderful pictures and videos of your child's learning in action. Parents who do have Seesaw really love having that insight into our classroom. We also use Seesaw for reminders and updates.