

# Autumn 2 in Year 6... Welcome Back!!

## English:

**Writing-** We will begin the half term looking at persuasive writing. The children will look at a range of persuasive techniques and explore how a writer can manipulate their audience in order to get them to do something. The children's writing will form the basis of a website they will make in computing lessons. We will then move on to diary writing after looking closely at *My Secret War Diary*, a text set in WWII.

**Spelling, punctuation and Grammar** Grammar and punctuation will be taught in context during our writing lessons. Spellings will be taught primarily through the Read Write Inc spelling scheme and consolidated through writing sessions.

**Reading-** This half term we will be reading *Holes*. We will look at a range of other texts to support this, including biographies, poetry, songs and persuasive speeches.

**The best way to improve reading is to read at home daily! Please ensure children bring their reading and homeschool books into class every day. It would be very beneficial for you to discuss your child's reading with them.**

### Our virtual Classroom links:



**Maths:** We will be exploring and using methods to multiply and divide before moving on to converting fractions into decimals. We will also be learning how to find percentages of amounts. **Children, as ever, should be confident with all times tables up to 12 x 12.**

**Art:** In our art lessons, we will learn about a range of different artists, each with differing styles. The children will discuss what they like and dislike about these pieces based on pattern, shape and tone. The children will complete the unit with a piece of art in the style of one of these artists.



## Geography:

This half term, we will be asking the question, 'why are mountains so important?' which will focus on how the world's greatest mountain ranges are formed. We will look at mountain ranges in both England and the wider world, as well as famous mountaineers such as Hillary and Mallory. We will look at why the Cambrian mountains are so important to the people of Birmingham.

## French:

We will be learning how to describe the different rooms in a house and who lives there. This will be largely focused on speaking skills.

**Science:** Children will be building on their prior knowledge of electricity, learning how to correctly draw a circuit and investigating how a circuit is affected when different components are added or changed. They will find out about internationally used symbols for drawing circuits and become confident at using them.

In terms of scientific skills, they will continue to practise predicting and fair testing, looking for patterns in their results.

**Music:** Children will be developing their confidence through practising their singing and performing skills in preparation for the Phase 3 Christmas Carol service.

**PE:** 6JM will begin their swimming lessons on Friday November 10th. 6RL will be doing PE every Thursday, and fortnightly on Fridays beginning 14th November. **It is important that children come to school wearing the correct PE uniform!**

## Homework:

Children will be set Reading and Maths homework weekly from homework books that will be provided for them. This will be set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday for 6RL and Wednesday for 6JM.

**Computing:** Children will be learning how a website is created, identifying key features of a webpage and having a go at creating their own information pages.