

Year Six Autumn 1 Newsletter – BLOODHEART



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year, we hope that you had a fantastic summer! It is wonderful to be teaching your children in Year 6 after teaching the majority of them in Reception.

This year's team is myself, Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. John and Ms. Lennox who is completing her teacher training.

For **Maths** we will initially focus on place value and learning numbers up to 10,000,000. The children will also learn the four operations, which are addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There are many opportunities to help your child in some of these areas particularly when shopping or cooking. Times tables are also vital to your child if they are to make real progress in Year 6 so please, periodically help your child to learn these using Times Tables Rockstars - little and often is the key.

Our core reading in **English** this half-term is Pig Heart Boy, a book linked to our main topic Blood heart. The book will provide us with opportunities to explore many different genres in English including; diary entries, poetry & personification and story writing. Our grammar work, which will support our writing, will be looking at making our writing more exciting to the reader and using different grammatical features to do so. Please remember it is important to still listen to your child read on a regular basis.

In **R.E.** the children will be exploring the question 'what is the best way for a Muslim to show Commitment to God?' Children will be looking at the five pillars of Islam and comparing these commitments to their own lives.

As **Scientists** we'll be learning about the heart. We will learn what the different parts of the heart are called and their uses. We will also be looking at the importance of food and exercise as part of healthy lifestyle choices. There will also be an opportunity to dissect a heart in order to secure their understanding of the topic and the mechanics of the heart. There will be more information on this at a later date.

In **P4C** we will be looking at questions such as 'What is trust?', 'Are animals important?' all of which are related to our class book for this term 'Pig Heart Boy.'

As **Historians** the children will be learning how medicine has changed the way we live, its positive and negative impacts and where it may lead us in the future. We will also be researching pioneers in the field of transplants including xenotransplants.

Important Reminders

Please note that we **have P.E. every Tuesday and Friday**, this half term. We have West coaches coming in to support the children in their P.E. learning.

Please ensure that children have the appropriate kit on these days. Please continue to support your child by arriving at 8.50 am. At this time in the morning, there are activities that the children can complete in class related to learning that will be important as the year continues.

We know that this year will be a successful one for all of the children and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks

Mr. Dunford and the Year 6 team