

## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

### Year 6 Newsletter- Autumn 2

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to another half term in Year 6. We hope that the children had a lovely break and are rested ready for another busy half-term of learning. It has been wonderful to see them back at school this week, ready to learn.



This half term in our **English** learning the children will be using the text of Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman as their core text for learning. The story focuses on the character of Cam who faces a tough decision as to whether he should have a xenotransplantation, which is where the organ of another living species is transplanted to a human; in this case a pig's heart. The story poses questions of ethics and whether it is right to use animals for human benefit. The children will be writing diary entries, persuasive letters and newspaper reports linked to the text. In the final two weeks of the half-term, we will also be looking at poetry from John Donne, titled A broken Heart.

In **Maths**, we will be practicing our fractions including adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying fractions. We are encouraging the children to continue to practice their times tables as these will improve all of their mathematical skills. By the end of the half-term, we will have also covered our first measurement unit where we will be converting different units of measurement.

In **R.E.** the children will be looking at the key question of What Would Jesus Do? This explores the ideas and messages raised from The Sermon on the Mount and how Christians and others can live their lives demonstrating kindness and compassion to others.

For **Science** the children will be learning about the circulatory system which links to our learning in English. We will be exploring how the heart works and what we can do to look after it.

The children will continue their learning about the Windrush Generation in History and about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes in Geography. For computing we will be looking at websites, including how they are created and what makes a good website. For French, the children will be learning about the rooms in their homes and how to describe them.

Finally, the children will be learning about painting and collage in Art and mechanisms in DT.

We know that it will be a busy half-term, especially in the run up to Christmas. We know that the children will continue to flourish in everything that they do and we also thank you for your support with your child's learning. Home learning will be sent each Thursday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday. The home learning focuses on mathematical concepts that the children need to practice as well as reading comprehension.

If you have any questions about your child's learning then please don't hesitate to contact us!

Mr. Dunford, Ms. Robin and the Year 6 Team!