Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 2018 – Welcome back

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope you had a superb summer break. I am looking forward to the year ahead with our new Year 6 class. We have all had the chance to start to settle in to the school routine after the holiday. The children are enjoying life so far in Year 6, have now been allocated jobs and responsibilities and have also had a fantastic time at Borwick.

For the first half term, our topic is called Survival. The aim of this topic is to invoke a sense of awe and wonder of the world around them and develop an appreciation of and responsibility for the environment. In Science our topic is Evolution and Inheritance, concentrating on identifying how plants and animals have adapted to suit their environment in different ways and how adaptation may lead to evolution. In RE we are looking at the topic Life as a Journey. This will focus on the journey as a Christian and the impact of faith on their journey. Also during the first half term, a lot of our Literacy will be based on preparing for our Shakespeare performance of Julius Caesar at the Charter Theatre in November. A spiritual week (commencing 24th September) will also be one of the main features of the first half term.

In the second half term our topic will be Britain’s Got Talent. This topic will focus on studying inspirational British people and how they have impacted Britain through sports, television, politics, Science and many other areas. In Science our topic will be Light and focusing on how light travels and the children will be able to experiment with different types of light and be able to explain how we see things because of the way light travels. In RE we will look at the topic People of Faith. This will focus on what is faith and what it means to be a person of faith.

Our P.E days are initially Mondays and Fridays. Please make sure that a full P.E kit is in school at all times.

All children are able to change their reading books daily, books are recorded in their reading diary. Children should continue to read for approximately 20 minutes every night and comment in their reading diary daily. Children will participate in a guided reading session each week, using a previous unseen text and responding to questions about this text. Reading will be monitored through school and a range of other opportunities for reading will be provided through the Literacy curriculum.

Children will have weekly spellings; these will go out on Fridays and be tested the following Friday. Homework will also be given out on Fridays; this will be recorded in the children’s diaries and should be completed and returned on Wednesday. We will also send Numeracy tasks, comprehension activities and punctuation and grammar tasks. Please check all homework and sign the homework diary to acknowledge this.

We are looking forward to this term and thank you for your continued support.

Mr T Brooks.