

Welcome back Year 6! We hope that you are rested and, after our first, exciting topic, you are ready to get stuck into the next one with, as its main focus, the notions of global awareness and sustainability.

The topic is named '**If the World were a Village.**' We will be looking at our world on a global scale, at different countries and cultures within our world, as well as ourselves, our role and our responsibilities in it. We will also be comparing and contrasting our economic situation with that of another economy in Europe.

English: As our writing focus, we are using 'Holes' by Louis Sachar in order to explore how authors portray character, establish settings and create atmosphere. We will also be experimenting with more formal forms of letter writing and diary entries. In guided reading we will be using a range of video and written texts in order to explore inference and deduction.

Maths: Our Maths learning will be led by how we can find fractional amounts of quantities as well as the equivalence between decimals, fractions and percentages. In other maths learning we shall further explore area and shape, units of measure and problem solving and investigations.

Science: As part of our learning about the classification of the animal kingdom we will be looking in detail at how scientists have ordered and classified the natural world. In order to do this we will look at how keys can be used to classify animals according to their characteristics.

Geography: Linking in with our launch, we will be looking at different land uses around the world, comparing the UK with other countries as well as the natural resources in our world and how they are shared out.

Art: In order to complete a pupil-led multimedia project at the end of the term, we will be exploring the different artistic styles around the world so that the pupils can develop their own style that represents the different cultures around the world.

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Home Learning:

As was the case in Term 1, children will be given homework on a Thursday (one piece for Maths, one piece for Topic or English) which is then due the following Tuesday. If there are any issues completing the homework, please speak to your child's class teacher so that any necessary steps can be taken.

As the weather is becoming colder, please ensure that your child has warmer PE kit (e.g. a jumper and jogging bottoms).

SUPER IMPORTANT:

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE continue to practise Spellings and Times tables at home as we have noticed that the lack of fluency in these key skills is hampering some of the learning in class. It is vital that these skills are learnt as well as, not instead of, the other homework set.

Cake day thank you!

Thanks to the hard work of cake day helpers, we were able to fund the fantastic Kev F as our launch for the Superheroes topic. It was a great day and may not have been possible without the continued support of all concerned.

Key dates: Year 6/7 tea party 8th Nov, 6AD Collective worship 10th Nov, House day 1st Nov