

# Year 6 Term 1: What makes a hero?



**Welcome to Year 6!** We hope you all had a very restful Summer break and are back ready and raring to go for the very busy year ahead.

We are kicking off this academic year with a brand new topic: 'What makes a hero?' To dig into our topic, we will be looking at the life and legacy of someone who many people consider to be a hero: Nelson Mandela. Beginning with looking at the location and culture of South Africa, we will spend each week answering a question about the country or the people who have lived there. We will look at the history of the country as well as delving deeper in to the meaning of the word 'hero' and heroes from both South Africa as well as here in the UK.

## Dates for the diary:

3/9/19 Start of Term 1 for pupils.

16/9/19 Y6 curriculum evening

4/10/19 6AH Class Assembly; House Day

8/10/19 & 10/10/19 – P/T consultations

11/10/19 – Individual photos

18/10/19 – Harvest festival and end of Term 1

## Curriculum:

**English:** We will be using the life of Nelson Mandela and other real-life heroes to inspire our work on autobiographies and short stories, including flashbacks and researching the animals of South Africa to develop our non-chronological report writing skills. We will also analyse and perform poetry and stories from other cultures as part of our work in Guided Reading.

**Maths:** Whilst consolidating skills learnt in Year 5, we will begin by looking at Place value, mental and written addition, multiplication, subtraction and division as well as time and shape.

**Science:** Beginning with honing our scientific investigative skills, we will move onto looking at how animals and plants are classified and adapted to their environments.

**Art:** Inspired by our focus country, we will be developing our sketch-booking, collaging and observational drawing skills, using these to produce a block print as well as a multi-tonal South African batik.

**PSHEE:** To support beginning a new group, we will discuss the roles and responsibilities we have as we grow older as well as how we can work well with others.

**RE:** Developing our understanding of Christianity, we will explore the question 'Creation and Science: conflicting and complimentary?'

**Computing:** To start the year off, we will be producing the class blog where children will be taught how to contribute safely and positively online.

**DT:** After taking on some construction challenges, we will look at how we can design, produce and evaluate a new product ready for use.

**PE:** We will begin our year focusing on our Football and Gymnastic skills.

## Home Learning:

- Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is expected back in on the following Tuesday (unless otherwise stated). 45minutes should be spent on both the Maths and English/Topic task.
- Children should continue weekly practise of their TT Rockstars and Spellings; spellings booklets should be brought in each Tuesday for checking.

## Reminders:

- Please can we remind you, at Christ Church School we firmly believe that having a balance and variety of foods and drinks in the diet is important for health. We therefore welcome 'healthy snacks' such as fruit and vegetables and would encourage you not to send your child with snacks that are high in salt, fat or sugar such as chocolate and crisps. Sweets are not allowed.
- Please remember that children should come into school on Tuesdays in their PE kit ready for their PPA PE session.
- PE Kit also needs to be in school on a Wednesday for their other PE session.