

# Year 6, Term 1: Is The Future Bright?

Welcome to Year 6!

We are looking forward to a really wonderful year full of fantastic opportunities and exciting events!

With all the strangeness of last year, it's time to look to the future. Will the future bring improvements to our quality of life, or should we be worried about the way the world is heading? How can we know what the future will be like? Can we do anything to change the future?

In **Science** and **Computing** we will be exploring two major technologies that impact on our everyday lives: electricity and the internet. We will also create our own class blogs in order to share exciting news and keep in touch with each other's interests and activities. Our Science learning will culminate with the production of a festive light display.

In **English**, we will begin the term with a focus on narrative and storytelling, especially in relation to fantasy and imagined worlds, before researching and writing balanced arguments and preparing for a debate exploring our big question, 'Is The Future Bright?'

In our **Maths** lessons, we will recap our understanding of different mathematical structures including how simple models using bars can represent different operations and contexts, explore ways to make mental calculations more efficient, and begin to scratch the surface of algebra, ready to spring forward into more complex concepts later in the year.

In **PSHEE** we will also be looking to the future, considering our hopes and dreams for the year ahead and how to thrive in a school community. In **RE** we will explore the question 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?'. Within this unit we will be exploring the life of Moses and how his passing on of the Ten Commandments affects Christians today.

## Key Dates:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Welcome Meeting  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – JD Class Celebration Assembly  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – individual photos



## Class blogs

As part of our Computing curriculum the children will be contributing to our class blogs. You can see what they are up to at:

[christchurch6ah.edublogs.org](http://christchurch6ah.edublogs.org)  
[christchurchmrdouglass.edublogs.org](http://christchurchmrdouglass.edublogs.org)

## PE:

We will have two PE sessions per week, on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing weather-appropriate kit on these days.

## Homework:

Homework will be set on a Wednesday, due to be completed by the following Tuesday. Each week, children are expected to complete:

- 45 minutes Topic/English homework;
- 45 minutes Maths homework;
- 30 minutes times tables practice (on TT Rockstars);
- Spelling practice for a test on Wednesdays.

Please support your child to develop strong routines for getting their homework completed and brought to school on time; this is important to prepare them for secondary school. If, for any reason, your child is unable to complete any of this homework, please send a note in with them.

Please ensure that your child continues to read regularly at home.

## Equipment:

We recommend that your child brings to school a **very simple** pencil case to hold equipment that we will provide in school. Please do not send them in with extra equipment.

## Staffing:

Mrs Rutt will be taking 6AH on Wednesdays in order to release Miss Howick for her work as a Mastery Specialist with the local Maths Hub.