

# Welcome to our Primary 6/5 Newsletter!

**Term 1  
2023**

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## Welcome to Primary...

Welcome back to a new school year and new school! I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday and can't wait to get started.

### Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic during term 1 will be related to our class novel – The Boy at The Back of The Class. The class will discuss and learn about the journey and hardships of being a refugee, complete artwork in relation to our topic and take part in drama and music lessons to explore different cultures in several countries.

### Health and Wellbeing

The pupils will always take part in a Monday morning check in with the class to discuss how we are feeling. The class will also work through the SHANARRI indicators as well as continue to use the 'Emotion Works' programme at different points in the term.

In relation to our class novel, pupils will cover anti bullying as well as complete a series of growth mindset lessons to ensure we have a motivated and inclusive classroom environment.

## Literacy

The pupils will work on their class novel during term 1 - The Boy at The Back of The Class. The class will work through the six reading strategies as well as complete other tasks related to the novel. The pupils have been assigned reading groups and will tend to work closely within their group at a level that challenges them appropriately. Spelling groups have also been assigned and from the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September pupils will receive weekly spelling words which will be targeted at a level to challenge pupils appropriately.

## Numeracy

This term Primary 6/5 will be revising and consolidating their knowledge in Place Value as well as work closely with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. The pupils will also cover the topics Estimating and Rounding and Multiples and Factors. The class will work on their mental maths throughout the year, mainly through Number Talks lessons where they will attempt to learn and apply a variety of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies mentally.

## P.E

During the first term the pupils will begin with a fitness block in P.E. This will involve learning about different aspects of fitness (agility, speed, strength) and discussing how important they are in different sports.

The pupils will also begin their first individual sport – badminton - where they will learn a variety of shots and take part in rallies and games.

**Can always pupils ensure they are wearing a white top for P.E and dark bottoms as per the school rules.**

## ICT

The pupils will continuously be working with the class iPads for maths and literacy using a variety of apps such as SumDog, Topmarks, Studyladder and Educandy to support their learning.

## Homework

Homework will begin the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September. The pupils will be issued with letters which will include their group names for maths, literacy and spelling. Homework will mainly consist of spelling words for the week to be practised in homework jotters, SumDog tasks as worksheets which can all be located on the class team's page.

## Key Dates for the Term

September Weekend  
– Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> /Monday 25<sup>th</sup>