

## Welcome to Primary 6

We are delighted to welcome the children back into the classroom. They are all looking very smart in their school uniforms and so grown up. Everyone is encouraged to wash or sanitise their hands regularly and tables are also cleaned during the day to keep our classroom safe and hygienic. We are getting to know the new class as individuals, identifying their current progress and helping them to set and reach realistic targets this coming session, as well as ensuring their health and wellbeing is looked after. Pupils are encouraged to drink water during the day to keep them hydrated and we would ask that you provide water in a refillable bottle with a sports cap which can be topped up at the water dispenser. As you know the children have been provided with a basic resource pack which includes a pencil, rubber and ruler so they don't need to bring a pencil case to school. They are encouraged to take responsibility for looking after these items.

The class have already been actively involved in creating a Classroom Charter for the year which will help them understand that they have rights, how important it is to have rights and to develop their own sense of responsibilities.

In Health and Wellbeing we have been learning about friendship and what makes a good friend. We have also discussed the importance of showing kindness to one another and the impact this has on class harmony. The children will continue to develop a 'Growth Mindset' which will enable them to set themselves ambitious, yet realistic targets across the curriculum.

Literacy skills are being developed through novel study. The children are reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Krindlekrax' by Philip Ridley. They have written a short autobiography which they will have the opportunity to word process in the next couple of weeks. This will be displayed alongside their self-portraits which they had lots of fun doing.

In maths we are working on place value involving writing larger numbers in words and figures, ordering numbers and developing fuller understanding of the decimal system. We will also be developing strategies in the addition and subtraction of whole numbers using a problem solving approach.

We have started our topic on 'Water Conservation' and are researching the work of the WaterAid organisation, bringing clean water to disadvantaged communities throughout the world. The children are hopeful that they will be able to fundraise later in the year to coincide with 'World Water Day' on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 and are keeping their fingers crossed that we won't have to close down again!

The children are being reminded how to access GLOW and get onto their class TEAMS page as they did during lockdown. This will enable them to access a range of relevant materials for homework which we hope will help support their ongoing progress.

We are looking forward to a very busy and productive year.

Mrs Hunter and Mrs Bate