



Good afternoon everyone,

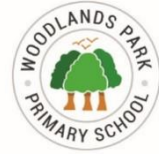
A busy, hard working first couple of weeks has gone in the blink of an eye. As promised, below is a brief guide to our learning this half term:

- English will be first be based on the Victorian fiction book 'Street Child' studying characterisation and using expanded noun phrases for effect before we study the atmospheric poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes.
- Year 6 Maths lessons will cover place value of digits to 10 million then move on to recapping the formal written methods for the 4 number operations. Year 5 cover the same objectives to 1 million and simpler strategies for the formal written methods.
- In common with all other schools in WeST MAT, we follow a scheme called 'Opening Worlds for our Geography, History and RE teaching. In Geography we are learning about The Rhine River and The Mediterranean, in History we will find out about the Roman Republic and in RE the topic is Christianity and the family of Jesus.
- Our Science is learning about how we classify living things; we're finding out about the Swedish scientist Carl Linnaeus, looking at how we can sort organisms before creating our own branching databases.
- The ART topic this half term is called 'Making my voice heard'. This unit focuses on developing pupils' skills in using different art styles, exploring effects with tools, understanding and applying chiaroscuro, and creating symbolic and expressive drawings.
- PE lessons will focus on fitness and stamina through our running sessions on Mondays and we will start with football and then move on to tag rugby to develop team game skills
- Computing will teach the children how search engines work and how results are ranked and can be refined.
- PSHE starts with a being me unit focussed on celebrating each individual, setting goals and understanding the rights that different people are entitled to.

We also have a number of trips throughout the year. This half term we will be going to Morwellham Quay to find out about how the Victorians lived, to inspire us in our English writing. The year 6 children will walk down to the leisure centre in Ivybridge for a Junior Life Skills session and hopefully have Bikeability training in December. More information on these trips will be available nearer the time.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact us. We are available every morning and afternoon at our classroom doors. If you wish to send us a message on class dojo, we will try and get back to you as soon as possible during the school day around our teaching commitments. For urgent messages, please continue to contact the school office and we can get back to you if needed.

We are looking forward to a great year!  
Mr Tuckwell, Miss Doe, Miss Terry and Miss Ramsey.



## **Year 6 Homework 2024-2025**

This year, homework will be completed in homework books that will be sent home on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday. At the start of half term we will give the children a selection of homework tasks based on what we will be covering in a range of subjects. From this bank of tasks, you can select one to be completed. We will give all children

Also at the beginning of every half term, we will give out the spellings we are working on with the children. There will be no weekly spelling test but we will complete an informal spelling assessment at the end of the half term to see how the children have progressed.

In addition to the formal homework set each week, we expect the children to be reading for 20 minutes at least 5 times a week, practising their times tables and learning the weekly spellings.

All efforts will be valued and appreciated and we thank you for your support with this. If you have any questions, please feel free to come and chat to Mr Tuckwell, Miss Doe or Miss Terry, who will be happy to answer any queries.