

**Bassetts Farm Primary School**  
Year 6 - Autumn Term 2018 (First Half)

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you had a restful and an enjoyable Summer holiday.

This half term our Learning Journey is 'The Big City'. Here is an overview of our learning.

Dates	Character Strengths	We will be learning about:
03/09/18 	Our School Values	This week the children will focus on the PSHE theme of 'Growing and Changing', linked to values and character strengths. The children will consider their personality and character and they will discuss ideas for how to recognise and manage their own feelings. The children will write poems celebrating themselves and their qualities.
10/09/18	Creativity	During this week, the Year 6 children will be away on their school trip to PGL Liddington where they will have the time of their lives whilst parents/carers have a well-deserved rest! (Those children remaining at school will join the Year 5 classes for the week).
17/09/18	School Rules	The children's focus for this week will be to prepare for their Year 6 Assembly on Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September. They will reflect upon their time at PGL, writing poems and recounts about their experiences. This week, the children will also have the opportunity to visit author Maz Evans at Exmouth Community College. In PSHE, they will examine ways in which they can keep themselves both physically and mentally healthy.
24/09/18	Truthfulness	This week, the children will begin to investigate cities with a particular focus on Exeter and London. The children will learn about famous landmarks including the London Eye, Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London. Linked to this, the children will examine and write their own descriptive poetry based on the poem 'City Jungle'. In PSHE, the children will investigate what influences them to make food choices. On Friday, Year 6 will be performing their character strengths themed assembly.
01/10/18	Friendship	In literacy, the pupils will begin narrative writing linked to the class text 'The London Eye Mystery'. Maths will focus on a range of problem solving activities linked to the city. Within learning journey sessions, the pupils will begin to learn about rivers. In PSHE, we will examine how images in the media can distort reality and discuss why this might happen.
08/10/18	Friendship	In literacy, we will continue with our narrative writing based on 'The London Eye Mystery'. In learning journey, the children will begin to explore the link between cities and rivers with a focus on Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. In PSHE, we will consider how we have a range and intensity of feelings and how these change over time.
15/10/18	Sense of Self	This week, we will have a Design and Technology focus. The pupils will design, make and evaluate hats linked to their personal strengths and interests. In PSHE, we will think about change and transition and how this relates to bereavement and the process of grieving. Please speak to school staff if there are any personal experiences we need to be aware of.

Year 6 Home Learning - Please present neatly using joined handwriting.

Subject	Goes out	Due in	Frequency
Spelling	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Times Tables	Wednesday	Tuesday (Test)	Weekly
Maths	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Reading	<p>We expect the children to read at home daily and they MUST read at least one book per week. Please make sure that you regularly read with your child and discuss the books that they are reading. Please note: it is important to question your child about what they have read. eg. <i>How do you think Steve felt when he left the house? Why?</i> These open questions require children to use evidence from the text to support their judgements. It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class.</p>		

Reminders	
<b>Lunch</b> 	Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer (please see the packed lunch policy on the school website). Cost £2.30. Please pay using Eduspot.co.uk.
<b>Uniform</b> 	Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. School shoes should be plain black. Long hair should be tied back, using small white, black or blue bands.
<b>PE kit</b> 	T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers needed.
<b>Drinks</b> 	We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.
<b>PSHE</b>	PSHE will be taught weekly with your child's class teacher.
<p>Each morning, a member of staff will greet your child at the door. Please pass on any messages to them, or write us a note. We will supervise the collection of your children each afternoon. If you need to arrange for another person to collect your child, please let us know in advance or telephone the school on 01395 275968.</p>	

If you are able to support our learning with resources or would like to help in class, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child's education.

Here are some dates for your calendar:

- 10.9.18 - PGL Liddington
- 19.09.18 - Author visit at Exmouth Community College
- 28.9.18 - Y6 Assembly
- 02.10.18-04.10.18 - Parents Evenings
- 19.10.19 - Non pupil day

Teaching assistants:

The teaching assistants working with Year 6 are:  
Mrs Osborn, Mrs Field, Mrs Smith and Mrs Griffiths.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Boatman, Mrs Eidam and Mrs Hughes