



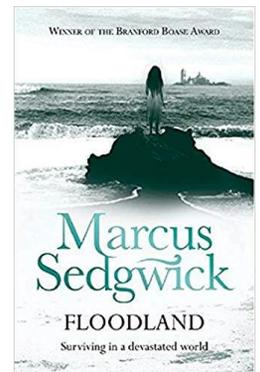
Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome back! We have had a fantastic start to the year and have been so pleased to see how enthusiastic the class have been about the new term. They have also impressed us with their mature, positive attitude to all areas of school life; we have had many comments from other staff commending their behaviour around school. Well done year six! It will be a very busy year, as we work towards ensuring the children are ready for their SATS in May, but one that will be filled with lots of exciting learning experiences!

Our topic this term is 'Our Changing World'. Through looking at human and physical geography, we will be investigating how our world has changed over thousands of years, and how it might change in the future. We will be investigating coasts and rivers, finding out about their main features and looking at how and why they change over time. How humans have impacted on the planet will be a question that features throughout the topic, giving children the opportunity to think about the environment and what can be done to protect it for the future. Our science topic, 'Evolution and Inheritance' will feed into this learning, as we will be finding out about how animals and plants adapt and evolve in response to changes in their environment. We will also be thinking about how humans might evolve in the future as a result of potential changes to human habitats.

The work we will be doing in our English learning will be based on the book 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick, a novel set in a future Britain, slowly disappearing under rising sea water. We will be putting ourselves in the main character's shoes by writing diary entries about the main events in the story and creating a detailed description of this complicated character. Children will also plan and write their own story set in an imagined future where the human impact on our planet has started to take its toll.



There is a lot to cover in our maths learning as we revisit previous learning and introduce new, exciting topics such as algebra. The learning in the next two weeks focusses on the formal written methods of column addition and subtraction, and the long and short methods of division and multiplication. We will then move on to several weeks of fractions learning.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be learning how to play the recorder in music, learning about the artist David Hockney in art, and developing our programming skills in computing. We will be doing an assembly for parents and carers in the last week of this half term to share with you some of this learning.



As a school, we are currently updating our homework policy to ensure any work sent home is relevant and meaningful. Children work very hard in school and we are keen to make sure that they are not doing unnecessary additional work at home! A letter will be issued shortly explaining what the expectations for homework are for each year group. For year six, I cannot reiterate enough how important it is that children read often and widely at home. It makes a huge difference to their spelling, grammar and writing skills. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible. Another thing children should be doing at home, which will also have a significant impact on their overall success, is practising their times tables. Children who can instantly recall their multiplication and division facts find mental and written maths much easier.

Children need to have their outdoor and indoor P.E. kit in school on Tuesdays and Fridays. This half term we will do doing football on Thursday afternoons and a range of different activities on Tuesday mornings.

Our exciting trip to East Barnby is only a few weeks away and further details regarding the trip will be sent home next week. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about the information in this newsletter, or if you would like further guidance on how you can support your child's learning at home. If you would like to have a quick, informal chat we are available after school on most days. Meetings at other times can always be organised.

If you would prefer to email any queries or worries, however small they may seem, please feel free to email me at: rcameron@kirkfenton.n-yorks.sch.uk and I will reply as promptly as I can.

Warm regards,

Mrs Cameron and Mrs Parnaby