

## To the parents of children in Year 6,

We hope you had a good summer holiday break and that your child has settled well into Year 6. Below are the details of the work to be covered by Year 6 during this term. You should have already received a letter with details of important dates for the whole school. If any of this has gone astray, however, it is all available on the school website.

Other events we have planned:

- **Trip to the Great Orme (1st October). Everest Expedition (8th and 9th October). We will be asking the children to dress up as a mountain explorer and undertake a (virtual) trip up Mount Everest. These experiences will be used as stimuli for their writing.**
- **A 'Great Outdoors Celebration' day. As a culmination to our topic, there will be a celebration day on December 18th.**

### Literacy

The children will study a range of fiction and non-fiction texts in Literacy.

They will examine the use of personification in poetry, and use a range of adventure stories as ideas for their own writing. Linked to the theme of 'The Great Outdoors', they will complete work on journalistic texts, non-chronological reports, biographical and autobiographical writing. In addition to their written work, they will refine their speaking and listening skills and use these to debate environmental issues linked with mountainous areas. Throughout the term, the children will be developing their reading comprehension skills and learning new elements of grammar, punctuation and spelling.



### Numeracy

During Year 6, the children will continue to follow the 'Maths No Problem' scheme. This term, we will consolidate and extend the children's understanding of:

- numbers to 10 million,
- calculating with the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) with whole numbers,
- fractions (including calculations),
- decimals (including calculations),

and how the strategies learned can be applied to problem solving. They will use and apply their skills in order to solve a range of puzzles and investigations. The rapid recall of number facts will continue to play a large part in the daily maths lesson; please continue to help your child to practise their times tables if they are not recalling the facts quickly.

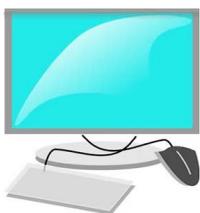
### Science

We will begin by investigating how living things (including micro-organisms, plants and animals) are classified into groups, based on similarities and differences.

Secondly, we will learn about the key aspects of evolution and inheritance when we see how plants and animals have adapted to their habitats over millions of years. We will also look in more depth at scientists including Mary Anning and Charles Darwin.

### ICT

Using PowerPoint, the children will learn how to prepare, refine and present multimedia presentations which have hyperlinks and sound and video clips embedded. They will learn how to interrogate websites so that they can collate accurate research. Google Earth will also be used to locate mountain ranges and rivers. They will also refine their Microsoft Publisher skills by designing posters. In addition, they will continue to develop their programming and coding skills.



### PSHE / RE

During this term, children will study a unit of work called 'Faith in Action' in which they learn about the lives of people such as Mother Teresa. In addition, they will explore the concept of 'Promises'; those that they make and those that people make to God. At Christmas, they will further explore the Prophecy and investigate the role of the Magi.

## Geography and History



'The Great Outdoors' is our theme for the autumn term. Through this topic, the children will extend their knowledge and understanding of physical and human geography. They will research information about and study the key aspects of landscapes, rivers, coasts, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. They will explore the issues surrounding the effects that humans and tourism have on our 'Great Outdoors'. Looking at a range of maps, the children will locate key places on a local UK, and world scale.

They will use contours and grid references on a map, identify key features using an Ordnance Survey map, and use compass directions accurately. As part of our theme, we will study famous mountain expeditions and explorers. In particular, children will research the expedition of George Mallory and Tenzing Norgay up Mount Everest.

## Art

As part of our Great Outdoors topic, the children will explore a range of landscapes, looking at photographs and artwork from which to draw inspiration as well as first-hand observational drawings. We will work with a variety of media to extend their drawing, painting and collage skills.

## Design Technology

Also linked to our Great Outdoors topic, the children will be investigating the properties of shelters. They will then design and make their own model of a mountain shelter which would protect the user from the elements of mountain weather.

## Music

In the autumn term the children take part in a song writing unit of work. They learn of the important role played by lyrics in songs and then employ simple techniques for composing lyrics and setting them to melodies, culminating in their own compositions. They will also study the life of the composer Edvard Grieg.

## Languages

The children will continue with their language skills in French this year. They will consolidate their basic conversational skills and develop their understanding of the written language.



## PE and Games



Year 6 will have their games sessions each Wednesday afternoon, during which they will develop their skills in tennis and hockey. They will also have sessions of PE in which they will develop their skills in areas such as dance and orienteering.

**The children will receive homework each week, details of which will be in their homework diaries. This will be given out on a Friday, and is due in by the following Wednesday. Please could you ensure that they have their diaries in school every Friday. Having checked that their homework is complete each week, please sign their diary ready for Friday. We encourage the children to look at their homework over the weekend, so if there are any problems, they can come and ask us for help before it is due in on a Wednesday.**

Please also look at our 'Great Outdoors' Curriculum overview on the school website. This details the activities within subjects that have a direct link to our theme.

We hope that you find this information useful and that your child enjoys their first term of Year 6 at Greasby Junior School.

*Mrs Spivey, Miss Price and Mrs McIlveen.*