



HIGHGATE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Year 6 Class Newsletter

Autumn 2

We hope you had an enjoyable half term holiday and your children have had a good start back. This half term we are delighted that Michael will be joining us as a third teacher on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Those in 6RP might remember him as he taught the class for a while when they were in Year 4. This allows us to put in place some interventions for groups of children to support them with their mathematics and reading.

Curriculum

English and Topic

The topic this half term is 'Our Island History'. We began by playing Viking chess, learning to braid like a Viking and discovering where the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons came from. In the remainder of the half term, we will look at the role the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings played in making Britain the place it is today. We will also investigate the resistance mounted by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, the first king of England. Looking at more recent waves of immigration to Britain, including migration from the Caribbean in the 1950s and 60s, we will bring the topic right up to the current day.

In English, we began with interpreting and retelling the story of the Anglo-Saxon poem, Beowulf. We will move on to looking at a range of recounts, including diaries and biographies of people who have moved to Britain, before creating our own Viking-style riddles and kennings. As we did last half term, we will be posting English homework to Google Classroom.

SPAG

We continue with regular Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar sessions. This term we are looking at:

- Adverbs and adverbial phrases
- Homophones
- Apostrophes
- Noun phrases
- Semi-colons
- Prefixes and suffixes
- Synonyms and antonyms



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Reading

Children are continuing their independent reading with the Reading Adventure as well as working on reading comprehension tasks in whole-class lessons. We continue to ask that children read at home for at least 30 minutes every day.

Maths

In Maths, we are currently exploring fractions and will look at coordinates, translations and reflections. We are also continuing to encourage children to login and play TT Rockstars. There is a competition every week for children to participate in and we have seen incredible progress from those children logging in at home. Every week there will also be homework on MyMaths for children to complete.

PE

In PE we will be developing our skills in athletics and gymnastics.

It is going to get a lot colder this half term, but this will not stop us going outside. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing to school for this. If they would like to bring a roll-on deodorant to school to keep in their PE kit, we are happy for them to do this but please don't bring any spray deodorants or body sprays.

Key Dates

Wednesday 24th of November & Thursday 25th of November	Parent Consultations – Further details coming soon.
Week commencing 29 th November	Scholastic Book Fair
Saturday 4 th December	Highgate Primary Winter Fair
Friday 17 th December	End of term at 1.30pm

With best wishes,

The Year 6 Team



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