



# Year 6

## Mr Lancaster, Miss Toovey & Mrs Davey

### January – February 2025

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for another busy half term! This half term, our topic is based around the Brazilian city, 'Rio de Janeiro', and we will be completing lots of exciting and interesting work in our Writing, Geography, Science and Art.

#### English

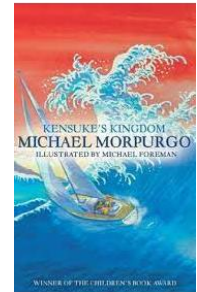
In our writing lessons, we will be writing holiday brochures for Rio de Janeiro. We will also be writing an adventure narrative. The grammar features we will continue to use in our writing will be semicolons, relative clauses, cohesion between paragraphs and parenthesis, as well as passive voice and varied sentence structures.

#### Maths

This half term, we will be learning about ratio; algebra and decimals. We will continue to consolidate our previous learning about fractions, percentages, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

#### Reading

This half term, our class novel is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be exploring the text in detail and using it to answer different styles of comprehension questions.



#### Reading days

All children will receive a reading book and record with details of your child's reading day. It is expected that children will read their book at least 3 times per week and have their reading record signed by an adult.

***Please can you make sure that your child brings their reading book and record to school every day.***

#### Read Theory

All children now have accounts for the 'Read Theory' app, which they can access on their Chromebooks. This will help them to rapidly increase their reading level and understanding. On the app, they must read a short piece of text, then take a quiz answering questions about it. If they get the questions right, the computer will give them something harder next time; if they get them wrong, the computer makes the next challenge easier. This means that they should always have challenges which match with their reading level.

#### PE

This half term, both classes will be playing **basketball** in their outdoor PE lesson and doing **dance** sessions in the school hall. For outdoor PE sessions, children are welcome to bring in any warmer clothing such as jogging bottoms or a hoodie/ tracksuit. It is essential that all children wear non-branded, plain T-shirts and bring trainers or pumps on PE days. They are allowed to come to school in PE kit on PE days. Black coloured t-shirts, jogging bottoms and hoodies are allowed.

**Katherine Johnson Class** – Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)

**Tim Peake Class** – Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

#### Homework

Each week, children in Year 6 will receive Grammar, Maths and Spelling homework.

Details of when it is given out will be communicated to you on Class Dojo.

Spelling homework will be set on Spelling Shed and there will be a spelling test every two weeks.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch with school or any of us at the end of the day on the back playground.

Many thanks,

Mr Lancaster, Miss Jones and Mr Gibbons

**Important Dates:**

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - School opens to pupils for the start of the new term.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - School closes to pupils for the holidays.

**You can help by:**

Please help your child to recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and division facts.

Encouraging your child to learn on their Chromebook: they have My Maths, Spelling Shed, Read Theory and TT Rockstars to help them with any additional revision or practice.

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to try and compare their book to any others they have read or summarise their story as accurately as possible.

Helping your child with any further research they wish to do on the topics we are covering in school is always encouraged and a wonderful thing to do!