

### English

Our main focus this half-term is descriptive and narrative writing inspired by a book called 'The Widow's Broom' by Chris Van Allsburg. We will use this text to inspire different styles of writing based on our reading. We will also be doing report writing as part of our Science and Geography topics. This year, I am giving the children some time for 'free writing'. Please talk to your children about what interests them and share what they have chosen to write about. We also are looking at a new word each day as it is essential that children widen their vocabulary which can also be done through reading books of appropriate challenge and interest. A high standard of handwriting and presentation will be expected at all times.

### Other subjects:

Year 6 focus in **Science** this half-term will be classification, habitats and micro-organisms. Our **R.E. Focus** for this term is to consider some 'big' questions: What do religions say to us when life gets hard? Is religion better expressed using art and architecture or charity and generosity? We will also be learning about data bases in **Computing** and finding out about areas of the globe in **Geography** including a study of the Arctic and Antarctica.

### How you can help your child:

**Reading together:** Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss with them what has been read. Please sign reading logs too.

**Reading day:** Children **must** arrive at **8:50am** on their reading day and I will be checking their green reading log has been written in at least 4 times each week.

**Online:** Every child has access to *Numeracy Workout* (username: Crowcroft; password: share) and to TTRockstars. Please encourage your child to use them!

**Homework** will consist of reading logs, Maths and some topic-based projects as appropriate.

**Spellings must** be practised at home every week as the children will be tested on them.

### Key Dates

**Class Assembly:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**PE day:** Wednesday & Thursday - Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school for these days and any ear-rings have been removed.

**High school applications closing date:** 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.

**Ghyll Head:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> January

### SATs Exams 11<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

100% attendance is essential if your child is going to enjoy success!

### Maths

This half-term we will be covering place value including ordering, rounding of whole numbers and working with negative numbers. We will also cover the four basic operations using mental, informal and formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will use these skills to solve multi-step problems too. Later in the term they will be given an additional weekly arithmetic lesson as this will be assessed in the SATs in May. **Times tables up to 12 x 12 must** be learnt, if not already known.

If you have any questions about how best to support your child in maths, please come and see me or send me an email. I'm happy to help!

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope your child is starting to feel happy and settled in their new class. This is a very important year for your child and they will benefit greatly from your support, interest in their education and smiling encouragement through what can be a challenging final year of primary school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me at the end of the day to arrange an appointment.

Alternatively, you can contact me via email at:  
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Kind regards,  
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