# **English**

This term we will be using a spooky video to stimulate our writing. We will be getting creative and imaginative by creating our own spooky, suspense-filled stories, where we will design our own characters, story and cliffhanger ending! We can't wait to read them!

#### Art

This term we will be focusing on sculpture using modelling clay. We will be basing this around a video 'Ali and the Long Journey' where we will create our own class version.

### DT

Our DT supports our art topic; we will be using sewing to create clothing for the sculpture we will be making out of modelling clay.

## **Maths**

For this term, we will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages, what they are, equivalences and simplification as well as the four operations within fractions – adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing them. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables and practice any maths learning that they have learnt within school.

# **History**

To continue our study into war, we will be looking at the rise and fall of Hitler to lead into next term's unit on the Second World War.

# Computing

For our IT we will be focussing on spreadsheets! We will learn to use Microsoft Excel to input data and create a range of graphs, from bar graphs to pie charts.

This term we will be learning to be compassionate global citizens. We will look at the refugee crisis globally and reflect upon common opinions and how the world needs to change.

# Refugees

### **Science**

This term we shall be covering the topic of living things, looking at the classification of animals. We will learn who Carl Linnaeus is and how he helped the world of classification.

### P.E.

This term we be completing Athletics in preparation for Sports day early in the Summer term. Please ensure kits are sent in every week.

# Geography

This half term, we are studying Africa and the Sahara Desert. We will be looking at the continent Africa, looking at its key features and characteristics before delving into the world of the Sahara Desert. At times, we will be using David Attenborough's Africa as part of our learning. When we study the Sahara, we will look at the process of desertification and how this is currently affecting the areas around the desert and how we could help stop this process.

# Y6 Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and are excited to have the children with us refreshed.

Our topic for this half term is Refugees. We will be looking at the difference between refugees and asylees, considering their reasons for leaving their home country. We also have an exciting opportunity to watch one of the books we are going to read come to life in the theatre – The Boy at the Back of the Class.

Please, as you usually do, encourage your children to practice learning and reading at home. This will support them with their learning and their knowledge and understanding. Handwriting, reading and maths is a huge focus for us this term in Year 6 so please encourage your children to be practicing this at home. Learning at home incentives are in place and this will help your children feel more confident at school. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Class 13's PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Class 14's PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon.

Appropriate kits are expected to be in school on these days as both are important and enjoyable parts of the curriculum. **REMINDER**: Children's P.E. kits **should consist of blue or black shorts**, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps. Tracksuit bottoms are optional during colder weather.





### Important dates for your diary:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Training Day