Autumn 2026 – Year 6 Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our second half term in Year 6. We hope you had a wonderful week and are feeling rested and ready for another fun term!

This term, we will be focusing on **suspense in English** and writing our own suspense pieces inspired by short stories, videos and our new class reader, *The Peculiar Pegs of Riddling Wood*. The children will be developing their understanding of tense, active and passive voice, as well as building more complex sentences using conjunctions and semi-colons.

In **Maths**, the children will continue to develop their fluency in multiplication and division before moving on to fractions. This will include adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying and dividing fractions, and finding fractions of amounts.

In **Science**, we will be moving on to our topic of healthy bodies. As part of this, we will be looking at diet and carrying out a class investigation into the sugar content of different foods and the impact this can have on our bodies. Following this, the children will present their findings and pitch some healthy eating ideas to Ms Fitzpatrick, which we could potentially adopt as a school.

As part of the Year 6 **PSHE curriculum**, we would like to make you aware of the drugs education unit being taught this term. This will be covered in our Science lessons later in the term and will explore the following questions:

- What do I know about medicines, alcohol, nicotine, solvents and illegal drugs, and how can they affect the people who use them and others?
- How does drug use affect the way the body and brain work?
- How do medicines help people with a range of illnesses?
- What does misusing a drug mean?
- What are some of the laws surrounding drugs?
- What risks should I look out for around substances?
- How do my friends influence my behaviour and decision-making?
- When and how should I check the information I am given?

Year 6 will continue to have **PE on Tuesdays and Fridays**. It is essential that your child has a labelled PE kit, including warm jogging bottoms/leggings and their school jumper to wear over their PE T-shirt. Please remember that if children are wearing a hoodie, it needs to be plain, navy or black, with no logos. Thank you!



In **Design and Technology** this half term, the children will be designing and making individual traditional Christmas cakes. More details will follow about this project, but in the meantime, if any of you have spare cake ribbons or food tins similar in size to the one in the photograph, please send them in.

The tin should be slightly larger than a baked bean tin and perfect for baking a small cake.

Homework will continue to be set on a **Friday** and will be due back in on a **Wednesday**. This will now be provided as a paper copy. Please ensure your child completes their homework, as it supports their learning in school and also helps prepare them for secondary school.

Finally, if you have any questions or would like to come in for a chat, the end of the school day is the most convenient time. Please feel free to make an appointment through the office or get in touch via email:

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Best wishes,

Year 6 Team