2nd July 2018

**Year 6 Newsletter**

**Autumn 2018**

Dear Parent, Guardian,

Hello and welcome to your child’s final year at primary school! This is of course, a really important year for all the pupils but it is also a chance for them to show the rest of the school what mature, helpful, energetic and thoughtful pupils they have become. We are really hoping that all the year 6 pupils will prove to be excellent role models for the rest of the school.

Year 6 pupils face a year of hard work and challenge in the classroom as they prepare for secondary education, but it can also be a time of great opportunity and enjoyment as they take advantage of all the school has to offer its oldest pupils. We are really pleased to have Mrs Tyreman working in the Year 6 team this year and she will have a big role to play in ensuring your child maximises their potential and finishes their time at primary school on a high.

Please find below the details of our work this term and the upcoming events we have planned. If you need any further information about any aspect of your child’s time in year 6, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Autumn Term Topics**

Topic work this term will focus around the question ‘Friend or Foe?’. Children will be exploring conflict from 1066 to the present day, which will include exploring the Suffragettes, the British Empire, the Jarrow March and the World Wars. As well as looking at historical conflicts, children will explore religious conflict and use their geographical skills to look for signs of conflict in the local area.

Our science topic this term is Light. The pupils will be looking at what light is, where it comes from and how it travels. We will also aim to investigate how we see and how rainbows are made.

**Reading at home and in school**

We ask that each child reads at home to an adult at least three times a week and has their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read regularly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. When children read to an adult, it can be extremely beneficial not only to listen to them, but also to discuss their reading; making predictions, expressing opinions, finding evidence to justify their thoughts etc. Your support in this area is very much appreciated.

**PE Kit**

Please send your child’s PE kit to school on a Monday. They will bring it home on a Friday unless it gets wet or muddy prior to this. Pupils should have a change of outdoor shoes for PE in case the field is muddy. Our regular PE slot will be on a Thursday afternoon and we will be focusing these slots on Ball Invasion Games followed by Gymnastics.

**School Trips**

We believe strongly in the importance of organising quality school trips for your children and hope that they have enjoyed the ones they have participated in already during their time at Handale. We will shortly be sending letters home, which detail our forthcoming trip to Heugh Battery. We are also hoping to arrange a local trip to the town hall, to study records for the town during the two World Wars.

Linked to these trips will be the school Remembrance Assembly, scheduled to take place on Friday 9th November at 9:15 am, which you are all very welcome to attend and share with the school community.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with you as we progress through the Autumn Term and also working in partnership with you to make the coming year a real success.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us.

Kind regards,

Mr Emmerson & Mrs Tyreman