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Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 2019

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.

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 initially 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. This will be followed with an investigation into Electricity where we will be examining the parts of an electric series circuit where we will be giving reasons for variation and how the components function. .





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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. PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts. 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 for the full afternoon and we will be focusing on Ball Games and Health and Fitness in Autumn 1 followed by Ball Games and Gymnastics in Autumn 2.

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 Monday 11th November at 9:15 am, which you are all very welcome to attend and share with the school community.

Also on the 1st June 2020, we have our residential visit to Kingsway Outdoor Centre. This will be a 4 night / 5 day residential in a fantastic place which has never failed to impress us. Expression of interest letters will be following very soon.

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 ask.

Kind regards,

Mr Emmerson

