

# **Anderson Class Newsletter Summer 2018**

Welcome to the Summer Term and countless warm and sunny days ahead...! The SATs tests are fast approaching but we can look forward to many exciting and creative learning activities in the weeks to come.

## **Topic**

Our new topic will be Fit for Life. We will be looking at how exercise affects our bodies and what we can do through our lifestyles to stay fit and healthy. The class will also be exploring how sport can be represented in art and be making their own action sculptures.



## **English**

Our new topic will provide numerous writing opportunities to consolidate the skills the children have learned so far. In addition, our new class reader after SATs will be *Kensuke's Kingdom* by the award-winning author Michael Morpurgo.



A reminder that I shall be finalising my Year 6 Teacher Assessments for writing over the next few weeks and therefore it is critical that they attend every day to achieve as highly as possible in this area.



#### Uniform

We kindly ask that you continue to check that your child is coming to school in the correct uniform, with regards to shoes, trousers, jewellery and make-up. Please remember that the school's PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and dark leggings, shorts or joggers. Thank you!

As the weather hopefully gets warmer, children should also remember to apply sun-cream before coming to school and to bring in sunhats. They must also take home their water bottles at the end of every day for washing.

#### Maths



This term, the class will develop their problem-solving and logical thinking skills through a variety of investigations and puzzles. They will continue to apply the formal calculation methods and times tables in these activities so that these are embedded for the year to follow. Please encourage your child to keep practising their times tables frequently at home using *Times Tables Rock Stars*. Please see me if you would like to know more about this online interactive scheme.

### **Homework**

The main weekly homework will continue to be set on Fridays. After SATs, we will return to using the Homework Menu system with the main course options alternating between Maths and English.

The children must also continue to learn the spelling lists given to them by Mrs Bruce on Mondays. To reach Expected Standard in writing in Year 6, the children are expected to be able to spell ALL the Year 3 / 4 words and almost all the Year 5 / 6 words. I will gather most of the evidence that they can do this from the spelling tests and so it is crucial that they put in the effort to learn them thoroughly.

#### Visits out of School



There are a number of trips planned over the summer term to complement the curriculum which we shall inform you about fully in the coming weeks. You may have already been told about our successful bid for funding from the Archbishop of York's Youth Fund to run a community tea party for elderly local residents. The whole class will soon be very busy or-

ganising this event which is planned for July 12th.