



## Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 6

Autumn 2nd Half Term: October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed your half term week and are now fully refreshed and ready for the second half of the Autumn term in Y6.

Our Science topic this term will be 'Electricity, Danger Low Voltage!'. The children will develop their understanding of electrical circuits through constructing their own and role-playing the flow of electricity through a circuit. They will learn to use the recognised electrical symbols to record circuits and will investigate how series and parallel circuits work. The children will plan and carry out practicals, which will investigate how different components can affect the brightness of a light bulb; they will be encouraged to record and explain results using scientific vocabulary.

The children will continue with their WW2 history topic this half-term, culminating in experiencing first-hand what it was like to be an evacuee during the war, when they visit Lincolnsfields at the end of November (27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>). This experience will really help to bring the children's learning to life.

In English, we will be spending most of the half term working on a narrative version of William Shakespeare's **Macbeth**. The children have already enjoyed a workshop in school from the Young Shakespeare Company and will be going to the Wyllotts Theatre in Potters Bar to see a production of Macbeth on Thursday 14th November. We will, as always, continue to develop the children's writing skills, spelling, grammar and reading comprehension.

In Maths, our focus will be on mental strategies for multiplication and division, negative numbers, fractions, percentages, shape, area and perimeter and written methods for multiplication and division. In addition to this, the children will continue with their weekly arithmetic sessions. A huge part of the children's maths learning relies heavily on them knowing their multiplication tables, so please support your child at home using the TT Rock Stars programme. A gentle reminder too about RM easimaths which is an online resource that supports the children's maths learning and understanding at home and at school. In addition, an excellent website to support revision and home learning tasks is [www.corbettmaths.com/primary](http://www.corbettmaths.com/primary). The children are very familiar with this as we use it in class.

The highlight of this half-term will of course be the Junior Christmas Production, **Rock Around Christmas** by Dave Corbett, which will be performed on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December in the school hall. Rehearsals will begin soon, so please encourage your children to learn any lines they may have, to ensure that during the rehearsal sessions, we can focus on the acting and the performance.

On a practical note, it would be extremely helpful if your child always has in school the things that he or she needs to participate fully in every lesson. This means having a handwriting pen and essential stationery (pencils, coloured pencils, felt pens etc.) for class work and full school PE kit including dark coloured jogging bottoms (all named please) and trainers for coached PE sessions (every Friday afternoon). Thank you.

### Home learning for this term is as follows:

Daily reading for around 15 - 20 minutes each day

Tuesday: Maths (an activity/worksheet task/RM easimaths) usually completed by Thursday.

Wednesday: English (grammar/comprehension/spelling/writing task) usually completed by Friday

Wednesday: Spelling list for a test on the following Wednesday.

There will also be the occasional research task linked to the learning in class.

Class teacher: Mrs. S. Kelly

Date: October 2019