

CLASS 6

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the new school year, after what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. This Newsletter will provide some useful information about what is happening in our class during this, the Autumn term. The topic is '**What makes Burstwick unique?**' where we will make exciting and relevant cross-curricular links with all subject areas. We are also delighted to announce that we have established a 'school-link' partnership with another primary school in New Zealand. This partnership will have many benefits, including the children on both sides of the world creating information about their local area to share with the other school. By doing this we will be able to enrich our knowledge of New Zealand by learning about their culture and customs whilst comparing them to our own.

The children will continue to be taught as a whole class or in small groups with activities and tasks differentiated to meet their needs. As always, they will be encouraged to continue to work independently, leading their own research and learning.

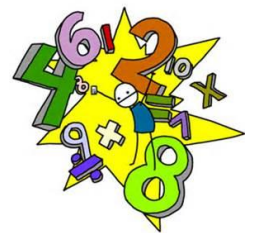
Our Science topic this term is 'Living things and their habitats'. Through this topic, we will again be able to create an immersive learning experience by exploring, categorising and classifying wildlife in the Burstwick area. The children will also learn to describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals as well as their respective life cycles. Later on in the term, our focus will turn on ourselves as we will explore: human life cycles, our circulatory system, the impact of diet and exercise on our bodies and the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within us.

Our Geography and History will naturally be linked to our local area as we explore our local land, how it is used in different ways and how it has changed over the years.

Our class text this term is 'The Hobbit'. We thoroughly enjoyed our 'Hobbit Day' this week and all the food and festivities that came with it. Whilst we will be reading, exploring, comprehending, analysing and enjoying the text in lessons, we will also be researching the author (J.R.R Tolkien) who, although was not from this region of this country, did live here for a short time!!

Reading is still extremely important in Year 6, and you play a vital role in this, so please encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts and question their understanding of it. Even the most able readers benefit from reading out loud, so try and make it a regular part of your routine.

Quick recall of times tables are also vital, so please continue to practise these with your child.

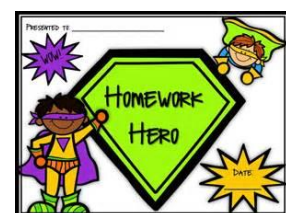


In class, I will be ably supported by Mrs Carrick. My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time is on a Friday afternoon when the children will be taught P.E. by Mrs Addison. However, it will be slightly different for the start of this term as we are timetabled to have PE with a sports specialist coach on a Tuesday afternoon as well. All children need a plain white Tshirt, black shorts and trainers for P.E.



Also remember to send your child with a water bottle which can be refilled from the water cooler during the school day. Hydration is vital to keep healthy and maintain concentration.

A Homework Grid will be sent home next week with a variety of weekly tasks on for your child to select from and complete. From this week, a set of spellings will be sent home each Friday for your child to practise.



We are looking forward to an exciting, fun and engaging term. Please remember you are always welcome to come in

and talk to us if you have any concerns, queries or just want to have a chat.

Thank you all for your support.

Mr Carrick