

# Healey Foundation Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2024

### Year 6



**Happy New Year! This term will be an important term for Year 6 as we build up to SATs. Good attendance will be crucial to ensure vital learning is not missed!**

#### **Literacy:**

Year 6 will begin the term by studying the novel 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness in which they will look at how to build up tension and suspense. This will then lead to them writing their own ghostly narratives. They will be then writing a non-chronological report on the Maya civilisation. After the half term, we will be looking at 'Biographies and Autobiographies' in Literacy. In particular, we will be writing about the life of Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl, who had to go into hiding during WW2 to escape from the Nazis.

#### **Science:**

This term in Science, we will be studying 'Living Things and Their Habitats.' In particular, we will be learning about the classification of living things, including micro-organisms. We will be extending our learning further by finding out about the standard system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus.

#### **Robinwood**

Year 6 will be visiting Robinwood Activity Centre from **Monday 26th February to Wednesday 28th February**. A meeting will be arranged for parents regarding Robinwood to provide information later in the term. A DVD will be shown and a list of clothing requirements will be provided. Don't worry, old clothes are fine! There is no need to buy any specialist items.

#### **SATs Week**

Year 6 SATs will be taking place the week beginning **Monday 13th May**. It is important that no appointments are made during this week.

#### **Maths:**

Year 6 will begin the term looking at Measurement, Ratio and Algebra and after the half term, we will be revising all the topics we have covered in Maths so far, this year. If you have the internet at home, please encourage your child to visit the Mathletics website. School has subscribed to the website in order to assist Year 6 with their preparations for SATs. Every pupil has a username and a password. .

#### **History/Geography:**

This term, Year 6 will learn about who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. They will use maps and atlases to locate Maya cities and identify countries in Mesoamerica. In addition to this, they will learn about the religious beliefs and rituals of the ancient Maya people and find out more about some of the many gods they worshipped. The children will also learn about the Maya number system and have the opportunity to read and write Maya numbers and solve number problems.

#### **Art/DT:**

In Art, the children will be creating their own Maya self-portraits, using the famous artist Pablo Picasso as inspiration. In addition to this, they will also be making their own Maya worry doll. After the half term, Year 6 will be learning how to make a paper template, as well as how to sew a variety of different stitches. They will then learn how to design products with a user in mind, thinking about aesthetics and functionality. They will use all these skills to make a felt phone case as their end product.

#### **Remember:**

#### **Homework:**

**READING and MATHLETICS — ON GOING**

**Mon - Spellings (for Friday)**

**Tue - Maths (for Friday)**

**Fri - Comprehension (For Monday)**

#### **P.E & Games:**

**MONDAY and FRIDAY**