

# Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 1 2023

Welcome to Year 6 – Hawking and Obama Class!

## **The Team**

Miss Kinsella, Miss Lindop Mrs Maruzza and Mrs Munro.

**PE** - please make sure that your child is wearing **suitable** PE kit every Thursday. Also make sure your child is not wearing earrings on a PE day and that long hair is tied back.

**Water Bottles** - please ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle in school every day. The children are only allowed water in their bottles please, not squash or juice.

**Reading** - regular reading in Key Stage 2 is extremely important as it benefits all areas of learning. With this in mind, we would ask that you hear your child read at home as often as possible. You can communicate with us about their reading, via their Reading Record book where we will sometimes include comprehension questions to discuss.

**Homework book** - Each week there will be a Maths and a Literacy/Topic based task. Homework will usually come home on a Friday and will need to be returned to school on Wednesday. There will also be some spellings to learn which will help your child in their writing. Times tables are fundamental to building confidence and success in maths during Key Stage 2 and we expect children to practise their times tables regularly at home as we will be exploring these weekly.

**Please have a look at our (attached) topic web for our outline plans and areas of learning for the term.**

Many thanks,  
Miss Kinsella and Miss Lindop

## English

- Character and setting descriptions
- Narrative/story writing
- Diary entries
- Newspaper articles
- Balanced arguments

## PE

- Real PE
- Gym



## ICT

- Design and create a website using Google Sites

## Spanish

- Understanding classroom vocabulary
- Understanding how to ask 'Where is ...?'

## RE

- Why Exodus is important to Christians and Jews.
- The story of Moses.

## *Romeo and Juliet* by *William Shakespeare*

## Grammar

- Punctuation
- Paragraphs
- Inverted commas and speech punctuation
- Fronted adverbials
- Figurative language including similes, alliteration and personification

## Music

- Developing melodic phrases by listening and appraising music.

## History

- The Ancient Kingdom of Benin
- How the kingdom grew
- How the kingdom survived
- What happened to the kingdom.

## Art

- Creating African masks using clay.
- Understanding how to use tools to create patterns and textures.

## Maths

- Place Value
- Written calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)
- Fractions, percentages and decimals
- Problem solving
- Arithmetic skills

## Science

- Classifying living things
- Understanding how something is classified as living
- Understanding the different kingdoms.