

# Year 6 Newsletter

## Welcome!

We hope you all have had a fantastic summer, but are glad to be back with us! This is the beginning of a very important year so we hope you are ready to work hard and enjoy your final year at The Rookeries.

We want to share with you what the children will be learning over the next half term! We are really excited.

## Core subjects

In Maths, we will be recapping the use of number and place value, using numbers up to ten million. We will then move on to using the formal written method for the four operations, ensuring timestable knowledge is continually revisited.

In English, we will have lots of opportunity to produce some excellent writing, linked with the class novel: Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Firstly, we will be writing a letter of complaint from the perspective of the Head Teacher. Other writing opportunities will include a persuasive letter and a playscript.

In Science, we will be learning all about Space. We will be beginning the topic by learning about famous astronomers, moving on to looking closely at our Solar System. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to carry out their own scientific investigations and answer some of the world's most pressing questions.

## Wider Curriculum

In Geography, we will be allowing the children to investigate various locations around the world, using a range of geographical resources. We will be comparing space rocket launch sites across the world, hoping to find our very own suitable location.

In History, we will be transporting the children all the way back to an important time during Britain's history: The Swinging Sixties. Children will be researching significant British events from this time and then looking at the very interesting space race, linking with famous astronauts from recent space travel.

In Art, we will be using a range of mediums to create an artistic impression of the Solar System.

In DT, using a range of electronic resources, we will be designing and creating packaging for our very own 'Draxphone'.

In RE, we will be learning about multiple religions across the world and learning about their places of worship, comparing their similarities and differences.

In Computing, we will be using a range of resources, linked with our History, Geography and DT lessons to carry out our own research and design packaging that is suitable for a 'Draxphone'.

In PE, we will be taking part in fitness and football sessions. These are linked with the Pontefract Academies Trust competition calendar.

Finally, in French, we will be learning key vocabulary relating to school life and allowing the children to hear, practice and use this vocabulary to enhance their understanding of the French language.

## Homework

Starting next week, homework will be given to your child on a Friday and is expected to be completed and handed in by the following Thursday.



## P.E.

- Year 6 P.E days will be a **Monday and Wednesday.**
- Please ensure your child has their full P.E on both of these days.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school - learning is thirsty work!

## How you can help your child:

- Please ensure your child is practising their timestables as often as possible.
- Please ensure your child is practising their spellings at home – ready for our weekly spelling test.
- Please ensure that your child is at school on time every day.

## Key dates:

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Parents Curriculum Evening, 5:30 – 6:30pm.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Robinwood Residential.