



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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## **6LR AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your child/children have enjoyed half term holiday and are ready for a busy half term leading up to Christmas. Over this half term we will continue to work on the core subject as well as participate in a few national competitions/projects to add some variety to our work across a range of subjects.

### **National projects**

There are a number of projects we will take part in this half term which will allow the children to experience something new. We will start with a writing competition related to nature which ties in really well with the work we did last term on rainforests. We will then learn about the national dice golf championships and see if the children can score high enough to get on the national leader board whilst learning about the game of golf. To end the term, especially if the weather turns against us, we will take part in a project from the University of Central Lancashire and the Science and Technology Council facilities. This project aims to link improving science skills with dance. This will support the work the children started during lockdown in year 5 when they were learning about the solar system.

### **Maths**

In our maths lessons we will be continuing to develop our calculation skills, arithmetic skills and our fraction knowledge. It is important that all pupils continue to work on improving their times tables knowledge, the related division facts and the speed at which they can recall number bonds to 100. All pupils are expected to be doing 20 minutes per week on Prodigy or Timestables Rock Stars at home which will help them with their work in class.

### **English**

This half term we will be completing 2 very different writing projects. Our first writing project will focus on the skills of narrative writing and will result in the children producing a horror story based on an animation called Alma. This writing will allow the class to demonstrate their improved use of language and grammar skills to create an impact on the reader.

We will finish the half term basing our writing and DT work on our main class text which will be Nim's Island. In this project we will be creating a fictional island that we have discovered somewhere off the coast of South America. This will involve a range of different writing skills including persuasion, description and a mixture of formal and informal writing. We will also use our writing and ICT skills to explore different ways of presenting information about the island to suit different audiences and purposes. In our DT/art lessons we will make models of the island using different materials.

### **Topic**

We will be continuing our rainforest topic this half term and completing the books we have started writing. The children will continue to reflect on why rainforests are important, the implications of logging and what life is like for the indigenous people living in the rainforest.

We will also look at South America as a continent and learn about some of the countries which form this continent.

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## PE Lessons

We will continue to have PE lessons on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days. As the weather gets colder, pupils are allowed to wear tracksuits rather than shorts for outdoor lessons - due to covid restrictions we will try to be outside as much as possible.

## Homework reminder

English and Maths homework will be set each Monday and needs to be completed by Friday. If a pupil fails to hand homework in, they will be expected to complete it during break and lunch time on Friday. If completing homework at home is difficult, then your child is welcome to come to homework club after school on a Thursday, please let me or the office know in advance if they will be attending.

## Google classroom

Last term we started using google classroom during some of our lessons (often writing and topic work) and we will continue doing this. This is an ongoing learning experience for both the children and staff - we are all learning together what this platform can offer us. Homework will also be set weekly on google classroom. One of the benefits of using google classroom is that the children can access what we have been doing at school when they are at home. Not only does this allow you to see what work we are doing, it also gives the children another audience for their work. Please ask your child to show you their work - not only is their writing improving, the way they are using ICT to present their work is also coming on well. Through google classroom it is also my hope that we will be able to set up a class website which the children will be able to have control of - this will give us another opportunity to share what we are doing in school with the wider school community whilst challenging the children's ICT skills (and mine). This is an experimental project but hopefully it will be a way for you to get a greater insight into what we are doing in school.

## Inspirational People

Last term we started to learn about Inspirational young people from around the world (this included Greta Thunberg, Billy Monger, Malala Yousafzai and the Wijsen Sisters). This term we will learn about 2 different inspirational people each week (often a young person who has been internationally recognised for showing inspirational characteristics such as overcoming adversity, resilience and determination).

Yours sincerely,

Miss L. Radcliffe, Mrs A. Jones & Mrs Rowsell