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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 projects to add some variety to our work across a range of subjects.

### **National projects**

There are a couple of projects we will take part in this half term which will allow the children to experience something new. The first project is related to one of our school themes this year which is kindness. We will explore the concepts of empathy, understanding, compassion and kindness through the work carried by the Wild at Heart Foundation which is an international dog rescue organisation. The other project we will be working on is a five day challenge where we will be learning how to change our thinking - moving away from saying I can't to saying I can. The aim of this project is create more confident and resilient children, who have learned to power up their very own inner cheerleaders.

### **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.

### **PE Lessons**

We will continue to have PE lessons on a Monday and a Wednesday. 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.

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## **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.

Yours sincerely,

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