



# Burlish Park Primary Year 6

## Autumn Term Newsletter

**Welcome back!** Year 6 staff are pleased to welcome the children back. We are really enthusiastic about the new term and looking forward to the opportunities and learning that the pupils will be experiencing during their year with us! *Mrs Jelfs & Miss Ramsden*

### Reading

We will begin the year by reading *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell. This book will engage the children and offer lots of opportunities to inspire their writing and enhance their use of vocabulary. We will be working on their inference skills; encouraging the children to refer back to the text to support their opinions and predictions.

### Maths

During this term, there will be a huge focus on calculation methods. It is important that the children are confident with these methods so that they can confidently and independently apply these strategies to reasoning and problem solving activities. It is vital that the children continue to practise their timestables throughout the year to support their learning.

### Writing

In English we will be focusing on the style and stamina of the children's writing. They will be consolidating the skills that they have previously been taught to ensure that they produce writing that is lively and interesting. We will be taking the children on a variety of trips throughout the year to capture their imagination and inspire their writing. All children will be expected to use a full range of punctuation matched to text types in a cohesive manner.

### Science

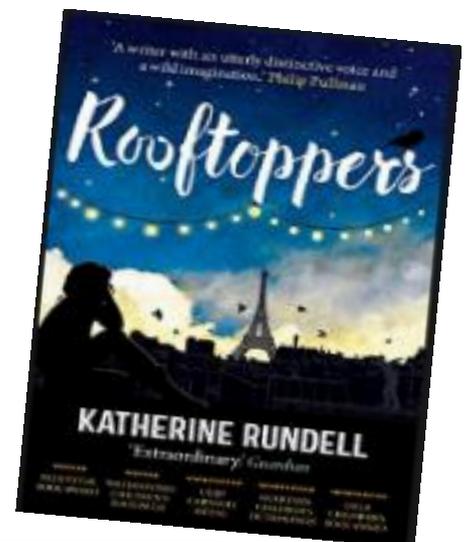
In Science the children will develop an understanding of the development of evolutionary ideas and theories over time. They will do this by studying Charles Darwin and his theories.

### RE

The children will study the religion of Christianity. Children will consider religious beliefs and teachings. They will develop their understanding of the importance of respect for themselves and others.

### Topic: History, Geography, Art and DT

Our theme for Year 6 is France. We will be using the book *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell as our stimulus, which links with our English lessons. All of the children will have the chance to explore France in greater depth. We will be giving children the opportunity to apply the skills that they have been taught in Maths and English in a variety of fun and engaging tasks. In addition, the children will be learning about the Impressionists and significant architectural designs such as the Louvre and Pompidou centre.



### Computing

For the first term back, the children will be focusing on coding; they will be looking at variables and creating inputs and outputs to design a program.

## HOMEWORK

- English and Maths homework will be set on **Tuesday** and returned on the following **Tuesday**.
- Homework help: If your child is struggling with their homework we encourage them to see a member of staff before the day that it is handed in. Homework is your child's responsibility; we would rather them hand in incomplete homework than none at all.
- We expect the children to read daily. The book title, number of pages read and parent/carer signature must be recorded in your child's Reading and Homework Diary.

### Dates for your Diary

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Meet the Teacher 4-5pm
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Mock SATS
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evenings.
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Half Term

### REWARDS FOR HARD WORKERS

We know that Year 6 is a challenging year. Children, staff and parents work together to produce great outcomes.

We are planning lots of exciting reward schemes. Details will be given to your child as each scheme is launched.



We are determined to get more children reading! We want to encourage all children to read more.

*'It is vital that children enjoy reading - motivation is essential for acquiring literacy skills. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.'* Reading Agency.

Please write the title of the book and sign your child's diary whenever they read at home. We will record this at the end of each week. Not only will your child be rewarded with an abundance of literacy skills but they will be rewarded by us too. Happy reading!

### **Recommended reads:**

*Wonder – R J Palacio, Trash – Andy Mulligan, The Girl Savage – Katherine Rundell & Holes – Louis Sachar.*

### **Calling all Students!**

If you would like to become a Prefect or a lunch time helper at Burlish Park Primary you will need to write a letter of application to your class teacher. You need to be reliable and a good role model for other children at our school.

If you would like to become a Librarian please write a letter of application to Mrs. Subert. You will need to be reliable, organised and be enthusiastic about reading.

Letters to be given in by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**.