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Autumn 1 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all of our Year 6 families! It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back to school and see how much the children have already grown in confidence and maturity.

Year 6 is a very special year, filled with lots of exciting opportunities and plenty of memorable moments. As well as working hard and preparing for their SATs, we want the children to enjoy their final year at Halstow and make memories that they will look back on fondly.

We are really looking forward to working closely with you throughout the year. This newsletter is a quick outline of the first half term. If you would like to speak with us about anything in greater depth, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

There is lots to look forward to this year, and we can't wait to see what our fantastic Year 6 children achieve. Here's to a brilliant final year together!

Best,

Miss Holder and Mr Stoodley

KEY DATES

17th Sep

Y6 Secondary School Transition Parent Information Session

1st Oct TRIP

Khalsa Gurdwara

5th Oct

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

9th Oct

Y6 Greek Day

13th Oct

Individual School Photos

20th, 21st Oct

Parents' Evening

23rd Oct

Last Day of Term

Maths In maths, we will be working on our number fluency, including comparing, ordering and rounding whole numbers up to ten million. The children will build upon previous number learning, including the four operations, factors, prime numbers, square and cube numbers and the order of operations.

Literacy We are beginning the year with the beloved book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. This will be our focus for reading and literacy lessons. A few weeks in, our focus will shift to Ancient Greek myths to tie in with our learning in history. The children will be refining their understanding of writing to create atmosphere, convey character and the use of

expanded noun phrases. Children are welcome to bring in their own copy of the book if they'd like.

Science this term will be all about electricity. We will be building on the children's prior knowledge of circuits, looking at how the circuit may be affected when changes are made to it. The children will also use symbols to represent simple series circuit diagrams.

Foundation The wider curriculum will also provide the children with some great learning experiences this term. In RE, we are looking at Sikhism and the children are continuing to develop an understanding of the importance of a Gurdwara as a place of worship for the community, the symbols and the rituals that take place. In history, we will be taking a deep dive into Ancient Greece, learning about what life was like during this period.

For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website.

Home Learning

Each Friday, children will receive a home learning sheet with a weekly **LBQ Maths activity**, tailored to their individual learning goals. All instructions will be clearly explained on the sheet given out on Friday this week. Children are also expected to **read for 10–20 minutes each evening**, practise their **weekly spellings** and complete **TTRS** regularly.

Walking Home Alone/Mobile Phones

Some families decide to let their Year 6 children walk home alone and carry a mobile phone with them to school. Mobile phones are not allowed in the classroom and must be handed in to the school office every morning. They will be returned to your child at the end of the day. Children are requested to keep phones off until they have left the school gates.

If you would like to give your child permission to walk home on their own, please email the school office. This ensures we have a record of your child's permissions.

PE is on Mondays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

Please ensure your children have appropriate footwear (trainers, no sandals/sliders) on those days. If your child cannot take part in PE due to illness or injury, please provide them with a letter to inform the class teacher.

We look forward to sharing some of the children's wonderful learning with you at parents' evening later this term.

All the best to you and your families,

The Year 6 Team