



# Year 6 Autumn 1 Newsletter



## Coming up in Autumn 1

### The History of Devious Deeds



Using all of our learning, we will answer the question:  
**Does every crime deserve a punishment?**

During this first half term, we will be learning about crime and punishment through the ages in Britain. Last week, we welcomed in Past

Productions to hold a historical re-enactment day with Year 6 where they learnt about some of our country's more gruesome punishments and petty crimes. Alongside this, the children will be reading about one of our country's most infamous criminals –the highwayman!

Moving on from this, the children will then be whisked further back in time to the Dark Ages, where they will be studying one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. The themes of death and crime will flow throughout! But, shhhh, we won't say the play's name! We will be visited by the Young Shakespeare Company who will perform for Year 6 and bring the play to life.

**Thank you for your continued support  
Year 6 Team**

**Our English learning** will include writing from the point of view of a key character from the poem, *The Highwayman*. Throughout the half-term, we will be focusing on description of characters and settings. After this, the children will use their learning about Shakespeare's play to write a balanced argument around a central theme.

**Our Mathematics learning** will focus on number and place value this half-term. The children will be learning the value of digits up to 10 million and be able to calculate with larger numbers in different contexts, using all four of the operations (+ - x ÷). In our mental maths sessions, the children will be learning to recall the prime numbers up to 100, cubed numbers and squared numbers.

### How you can support your child's learning at home



To help at home, whilst reading, you could ask your child about the characters they have read about and how those characters felt and acted. Encourage your child to use 'evidence' from what they have read to explain their answers.

To help at home, when writing, you could help your child by supporting and encouraging them to check any writing they do. Good elements to check are that the tense is correct and consistent, that punctuation is present in the correct places and that what is written makes sense.

To help at home, please help your child with regular practice of their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12 (as this is a Year 4 expectation). You could also challenge your child to practise addition and subtraction arithmetic questions (including those with decimal numbers) to work on their speed and accuracy. These could be 4, 5 or 6 digit numbers or, for more challenge, a mix (e.g. 45,367 + 8,329).

### Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF) unit is:



*Me and My Relationships*

The key learning points are:

- working collaboratively towards shared goals
- developing strategies to resolve disputes and conflict through negotiation and appropriate compromise
- the characteristics of friendships and support with problems and difficulties.
- the importance of self-respect and how this links to happiness
- the characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives
- that marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong
- judging what kind of physical contact is acceptable or unacceptable
- strategies for keeping safe online; the importance of protecting personal information, including passwords, addresses and the distribution of images of themselves and others

### Year 6 Messages

For your information, Year 6 has Indoor PE on a Monday afternoon and Outdoor PE on a Wednesday afternoon.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the efforts made with the Summer Learning Project and helping the children learn about Northern Ireland.

**Dates for your Year 6 diary**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – Young Shakespeare Company performance in school for Year 6