





### Topics to be covered this term include:

Our English this term will be delivered through the book 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom' by Louis Sachar. The story, which is a humorous story, shows how, with help, the character is able to choose their paths and can change their behaviour and attitude which provides the character with many benefits. The book will be used as a medium to write in many different forms, including: Character & Setting description, balanced argument, Diary entry, Persuasive letter, formal language and their own story linked to the book. Alongside the different genres we will be incorporating different skills within SPAG; for example - relative clauses, modal verbs, adverbs, parenthesis, expanded noun phrase, commas, past and present tense. Also, for homework the children will have comprehension, SPAG or work linked to English every week.

How you can help - reading comprehension is an important skill that we work on during guided reading. Please encourage your child to read frequently and ask them about their books. Ask questions such as: What did you like about the story? What do you think might happen next? What has happened so far? Is there any vocabulary you couldn't read or understand? This will be a great help to your child especially as the SATS will be approaching.

# Sapphire - Autumn Newsletter

We hope you find this a helpful overview of your child's learning this term in year 6. If there any aspects of the curriculum or what your child will be learning that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to your continued support.

Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Tough & Miss Mirini





PE will include: Indoor: Boxercise Outdoor: Tag Rugby

It is essential that children are well equipped for this important and fun part of our curriculum. Children should have an outdoor and indoor PE kit. Many of our PE activities are held outdoors so children are encouraged to bring appropriate clothing and footwear (e.g. jogging/tracksuit trousers, trainers). Please help your child to remember their kit. PE is held on **Tuesday** afternoon. As from week beginning 24.09.18 Milton Keynes Sports will be teaching the children PE on a Tuesday afternoon.

# Maths



#### Our learning will cover work on:

This term we will be covering: Place value, negative numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – these will include problem solving and reasoning skills. To ensure these topics are embedded the children will complete regular reasoning activities linked to the topic they have just learnt. They will also have a times tables challenge, a maths club challenge and intervention for areas that they struggle with on a weekly/daily basis.

How you can help — confidently knowing times tables can help the children in many areas of mathematics. If you want to help your child with an area or strategy that you are unsure of please ask; we are always willing to help you help your child.

As homework, children will be given their tasks from the *CGP* book weekly. The tasks set will be linked to the topics children have learnt throughout the week.

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Reading Comprehension - Different styles of text and different question types

**Maths** – A variety of topics which include reasoning, Word Problems, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Science - Living things and their Habitats - Children will build on their knowledge and understanding of living things and their habitat. They will classify animals with similarities and differences. They will study Carl Linnaeus. They will research a variety of curious creatures. Children will learn about micro-organisms.

The Living Rainforest: An exciting trip to the Living Rainforest - 11.10.18 - linked to our topic and Science

**English:** Book based curriculum - There's a boy in the girl's bathroom

**Topic**: North and South America - countries, continents, climate, comparing places The children will also have weekly PSCHE, Values, Music and Spanish lessons

Homework - Homework will consist of CGP books for maths, comprehension and SPAG, further research in English on set tasks. Spellings will still go home weekly. As well as this we would like parents to encourage their child to read on a daily basis and comment in their home-reading record. Can parents please remind children to bring their homework in on Monday's; this is so that it can be marked and new homework set for the following Wednesday.

Homework will be sent out on **Wednesday** and children should return it completed by **Monday** of the following week.

