



# Shiplake Church of England Primary School and Shiplake Village Nursery



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a great summer. I am writing to you to tell you about some of the things that I have planned for Year 6 this term.

In English we will be reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will be using this as the basis for some of our English work, discussing how we can respond to the text through imaginative writing. We will also use it as the basis for reading comprehension work. We will be completing various shorter spelling, punctuation and grammar activities throughout the term in order to prepare the children for their SPAG assessments.

In maths this term there will be a focus on number, consolidating the knowledge and skills from year five while also learning new skills such as how to multiply and divide fractions, finding the lowest common multiple and finding percentages of amounts. Every maths lesson will begin with arithmetic work in order to sharpen the children's knowledge and develop rapid, accurate recall of known facts. Times tables tests will take place on a Wednesday using our new times tables scheme (please see attached sheet). Other times tables activities such as Timestable Rockstars will take place at other times in the week too.

The children's first R.E topic will be based around the question: "Do clothes express belief?" Through studying this question, the children will be given the opportunity to compare different world religions and learn about their similarities and differences. Our first topic will be a study of the coastal town of Bude. The children will learn about its geography in preparation for their trip. In art the children will be developing their understanding of colour, using and mixing different media to explore how colour can be used for different effects and show different emotions. Our first Science topic for the term will be Electricity followed by Fossils. The children will be developing their understanding of different scientific principles while also developing their understanding of how to work like a scientist.

P.E will take place on Mondays and Fridays. Monday's session will be outdoor and Friday's will be indoor. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days, although I would recommend bringing it in on Mondays and leaving it in school all week just in case any changes to the timetable occur. The children will be working with Mr Brown on Monday afternoons and with me on Friday.



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Homework will be handed out on a Monday and will be due in the following Monday. Homework will form an important part of the children's preparation for SATs. It will contain challenging maths, SPAG and reading comprehension work. With their first set of homework I will be sending home a spelling list which will contain all of the sounds the children will need to learn this year. As well as this I will be giving the children a learning log research project every half term. This will be linked to an area of the curriculum the children are currently studying in school. They will then bring in their logs and share their research and how they have presented it with the class and be able to earn house points for well-presented and interesting projects. More information on this will be provided once we have returned from our trip to Bude.

Because of the extensive drafting and improving of pieces of writing we will be doing, I am encouraging the children to work in friction pen. If you are able to send your child into school with a friction pen in their pencil case it would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to come and speak to me at the end of the school day.

Best wishes,

Mr Tugwell