

CLASS LETTER- 6A -Autumn term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year and your child's final year in primary school! Year 6 is an incredibly busy, but exciting year. I already know most of the new Year 6 children, but I am looking forward to getting to know them more, Mr Atkinson has told me great things about them! I am looking forward to working with the children and with parents/carers, to ensure that all the children have a wonderful year, in Year 6.

This year, the children will be working towards their end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs). We will be doing lots of work in school to recap knowledge and to help prepare the children by equipping them with a range of test techniques.

I am looking forward to another brilliant year in Year 6!

Mrs Allan ☺



Our Topic

Our topic focus is based on our book for this half term 'Journey to the River Sea'. Using this text we shall explore all the foundation subjects, meeting the Key Stage Two objects.

A brief glimpse into our learning...

- Designing and making boats
- Making sculptures and drums
- Grid references and using a compass
- Scientific enquiry

Reminders

PE will be every Friday- please ensure that your child wears PE kit to school on this

Our text this half term is linked to our topic... feel free to explore and read the following texts:

- The Star of Kazan and *The Dragonfly Pool*, both by Eva Ibbotson. Two further adventure stories from the author of Journey to the River Sea.
- Anthony Horowitz's *Stormbreaker* would provide a good comparative text, which has many similarities in terms of its plot of a young person thrown into a new world by circumstances outside their control. The two narratives are similarly character driven (while Journey to the River Sea has a strong female protagonist, Stormbreaker has a strong male lead), and both are gripping adventure stories.
- For a comparison text with an equally strong female protagonist, Dead Man's Cove and Kidnap in the Caribbean, both by Lauren St John, are strong adventure stories, in a contemporary setting.
- The story of *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett (1886) is mentioned in the text, and you could investigate this text further for its thematic links to Journey to the River Sea.

Please note, we respectfully ask that you do not buy or allow your child to read our text for the half term at home. This is because our learning for the whole of the half term is based on the book and reading it beforehand will impact on your child's learning in all subjects.

Useful Websites for this half term

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/sats/index.html>