



## Green Class

## Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week of the term has been really enjoyable – everyone arrived back from their summer break with positive attitudes and ready to learn. The children have made a great start to the year already and have been focussing on our new PSHE topic “Settle in to Learn” to ensure we all re-establish our class rules and routines to enable everyone to do their best with the learning.

**Teaching arrangements:** This year the teaching team in Year 6 will be Robert Wootton and Alison Rapson with Milo supporting in class every day.

**Topics this term:** Our History topic this term will be Early Islamic civilisations and our Geography topic will be North and South America. Please see the Medium Term Overview for more details on the learning within these areas, as well as information about the rest of the curriculum. The class are looking forward to sharing some of their learning during the Year 6 Class Assembly, which will be on **Thursday 5th October 2023**.

**PE:** Our PE lessons will usually be on **Monday afternoons** and **Friday mornings**. However, these days may occasionally change and therefore it is important that the children have a full PE kit with them every day. A PE kit needs to include: a white T-shirt or white/green PE top and tracksuit top or fleece for outside PE; black shorts and tracksuit bottoms; socks; trainers (to change into). On PE days children should not wear any jewellery (including earrings). We will also be completing our Daily Mile each day.

Please make sure that your child always has a water bottle in school.

**Homework:** Each week the children will be set a spelling task linked to our weekly spelling pattern and one other task to consolidate the week’s learning, prepare for a future lesson or practise some basic calculation skills. This learning will be set and sent home in their homework books this term (and will also be posted on Google Classroom). Of course, should children wish to complete their learning on a computer or other device they are still welcome to and either print at home or share with us via Google Classroom and we can print it in school. Homework will be sent home on a **Friday** and is due in the following **Tuesday**.

Reading is also a key part of the homework. Please encourage your children to keep reading for enjoyment and we suggest at least 10 minutes reading every day. They also have Reading Records which they need to keep updated with the books they are reading and the amount of pages they have read – at least 3 entries per week.

If children are finding any piece of homework too difficult or they are taking more than the allocated time to complete it, please do not persist. Simply write us a note to let us know.

**Applications for Secondary Schools:** I know it seems a long way off to be talking about moving to secondary schools, but the process for applications needs to be made soon. Parents must access the information and complete applications on-line. If you need support to complete this process please let us know and we will arrange help for you. Further information and details of key dates can be found in the ‘Secondary Transfer’ booklet from the Herts Admissions team which should have already been e-mailed to you.

If you wish to speak to any of the Year 6 team, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground at the end of the day or email the school office and we will get back to you.

Kind Regards,

Mr Wootton and the Year 6 Team