



## Meet the Team

### Teachers

Mrs Hughes (class teacher)

Mrs Fanthorpe (additional teacher part-time)

We will also have Mr Howard for PE on a Wednesday and Mrs Fulford for Art.)

### Other Staff

Mrs Rumsey (TA Monday)

Mrs Evans (TA Tuesday - Thursday)

## Key Dates

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Teacher led clubs start this week
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Sponne School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics District Competition at Daventry Leisure Centre
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Swimming Gala at Brackley Leisure Centre
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Children return to school. No teacher led clubs take place this week
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Parents' Evening
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Author visit – more information to follow!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Cluster Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Magdalen
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day – Children can come in dressed as their favourite book character
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	KS2 School Games Values Target Games Festival at Campion School
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Voice in a Million

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6 students,

Happy New Year! We have had a great start to the school year, and we have really enjoyed seeing how students have grown in confidence, maturity and independence.

## Subject Overviews

### English

We will continue to write in a variety of different genres, and will also link some of these to our work in other subjects. We begin by looking at instructional writing, giving advice about how to be happy, then move on to a series of diary entries from different characters from World War II.

Spelling and Grammar will continue to be a focus this term, with dedicated lessons to both of these. Children's morning work tasks will often be spelling or grammar focused, and we will encourage children to pay close attention to how words are spelt – please do encourage this at home, especially to get the more familiar words right. Children will have individual bookmarks which detail the words they have spelt wrong in their own work – please do work with children to practise these. We will have a weekly grammar lesson this term, focusing on some of the areas that children may have found tricky when doing SATs practice – children can often use the terms and language appropriately when writing, but this will be supporting them to understand the terminology and to answer questions about grammar. We will also continue our regular "Book Talk" lessons, working in groups to enjoy and analyse texts.

### Maths

We will continue to use "Power Maths." We will sometimes work together in one group, but we are fortunate to have Mrs Fanthorpe working with us three times a week, so some children can work in smaller groups depending on need and to allow more individual support.

We start the term with a focus on measure and ratio, then moving on to algebra, decimals and percentages and area and perimeter. The SATs revision booklets should support children to recap previous learning too, and we will have regular arithmetic lessons in addition to our Maths lessons.

Quick recall of maths facts and multiplication and division facts is absolutely essential to success – please keep practising these with your children, and encourage them to use Mathletics to keep these skills sharp. There are several children who work better in class than in assessments because their knowledge of times tables and quick adding and taking away is not as good as their understanding – practise will really help!

## Year 6 Homework

Daily Reading for 30 minutes  
or more

Practising the Year 5/6  
spelling words and individual  
spellings

Mathletics

SATs booklets for practice  
questions (optional)

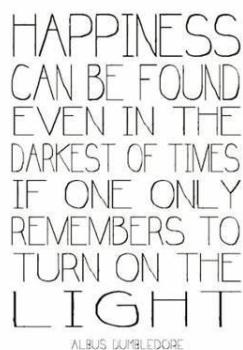
## Key Information

Please bring a water bottle, pencil case (with pencil and blue pen and a ruler as a minimum) and your reading book to school every day.

**PE:** PE kits need to be in school every Wednesday and Friday. PE kits can be kept in school between PE days or taken home for washing. They will be sent home each half term.

## Our Golden Rules

Be fair  
Be kind  
Be respectful  
Be truthful  
Be ready to learn



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ALBUS DUMBLEDORE

## **Science:**

This half term, our topic is Light – with key concepts like reflection, refraction and shadows being our focus. After half term we will focus on electricity, looking at circuits.

**Computing:** This term we will be using i-Movie to make an advert, using the functionality of the app as fully as possible. We will also do some work on communicating effectively via electronic message: most children already communicate with others using messaging apps, and we will look at the benefits of this along with some guidance on how to use it most effectively and safely. If at any point you feel that there are any areas around social media that are impacting your child at home, please do make me aware of this as we can support you with this.

**Humanities:** We begin the term by continuing our study of World War II, looking at use of sources to gain evidence, what changed during and because of WWII and continuing to look at key events, both within Britain and abroad. After half term we move to Geography and will study globalization. In RE, we are looking at Buddhism this half term, followed by Humanism before Easter.

**Health & Well-being:** We will continue to embed our health and well-being work into the wider curriculum, but in addition we will have some specific lessons. These will look at the topics of “Valuing Difference” and “Rights and Respect” which will cover British Values as part of that subject.

**PE:** We will have two PE sessions this term, On a Wednesday, Mr Howard will teach Gymnastics, and Mrs Hughes will teach badminton. Some children will continue to swim on a Friday in a small group to support them to reach the goal of 25m on their front and back using a recognized stroke, our goal by the end of KS2.

## **The Arts**

This term we will be exploring the work of the artist Henry Moore. Inspired by his work, we will be developing our observational drawing skills and exploring a variety of drawing media including drawing inks. Following on from this, we will explore the still life paintings by the artist Paul Cezanne. We will develop our painting and printmaking techniques and will work collaboratively to create large scale pieces.

**French:** In Year 6 French lessons this term we will continue to hone our ‘language detective’ skills – many of which are important learning strategies that will help the children in the future to learn other languages or subjects. The children will do this under the umbrella of a House and Home topic, in which the children will talk about where they live and who they live with, as well as describing rooms in their houses.