

Dear Parents

We hope everybody had a really enjoyable break and is ready to start a new term in Year 6.

Our theme for this term is local history, where we will be studying the history of Birmingham. We will be learning about the industrial changes, environmental changes and cultural changes from the beginning of the Bullring Market. In geography, we will be learning about the locations of all seven continents, countries across Europe, their cities and using a six-figure grid reference to read locations on maps. In addition, our artist will be the photographer, Todd Walker, and we will be creating our own sketches of famous streets in Birmingham.

Our literacy will focus on writing for a variety of purposes and be linked to novels such as, *A Bad Beginning*. Numeracy will begin with place value (numbers up to ten million including decimals) and the four operations to ensure that all children are confident with their mental strategies and basics at the beginning of the year.

During the first half term, year 6 will take part in a hippodrome project, which focuses on drama, speaking and listening skills. The activities will be closely linked to our local history theme and on the Wednesday 25th October, year 6 will deliver a class assembly to show their families what they have learnt.

After the October half-term, our theme will change to evolution. We will find out about Charles Darwin and the *Origin of Species*, explore how biological inheritance works, learn about how fossils are formed and how animals and plants adapt to survive in different ecosystems.

Finally, year 6 will have P.E. on a Thursday next year and will need to bring their P.E. every week. Homework will be handed out on a Friday every week and will be due in the following Thursday.

Thank you for all your support and we hope that this is useful.

The Year 6 Team