

# The Greville's Termly Update

### YEAR 6



We can't quite believe that we are approaching half term already! Year 6 children have made a fantastic start and we have been so impressed with their enthusiasm, great attitudes to learning and positivity around the school. They have embraced the new responsibilities that come with being in Year 6 in roles such as prefect, play leader, librarians, buddies and house captains.

One of the highlights of the half term for us so far has been the visit to Ashtead Park. As part of our Science topic, Living Things and Their Habitats, Year 6 have not only been classifying organisms, but exploring the best conditions for bacteria to grow. There have been some wonderful discussions about the features of both plants and living organisms as well as a thoroughly scientific approach to their classification.

- Miss Louise Simpson (Year 6, Assistant Head Teacher and Year Group Leader)

### **MATHS**

In maths, we have finished our learning on place value, which included rounding numbers, negative numbers and ordering and comparing. Pupils are not only developing their fluency but also their ability to reason and problem solve. We are now working our way through the four operations: addition, subtraction and multiplication. This included key number facts and terminology such as factors, multiples and prime numbers. After half term, we will be moving onto long division!



### **ENGLISH**

In English this half term, we have used the picture book 'Black Dog', 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman and 'Respect' by Michaela Morgan to inspire our reading and writing. We have focused on mastering the basics in terms of sentence structure, punctuation and description – the children have produced some fantastic writing. After half term, we will be using War Horse by Michael Morpurgo to help create more fantastic writing.

### PE

In PE, children have enjoyed taking part in football or netball training and learning new gymnastics skills; they have created some thrilling routines Year 6 were incredible ambassadors for the school at both of our open mornings and our open evening this term. The parents were very complimentary of the children's manners, knowledge of the school and the passion with which they spoke about their experience. We have another open morning after half term so any children who have not yet given a tour will have the opportunity then.

# OPEN DAYS

## **GEOGRPAHY**



In Geography, the children have been learning about population and what can affect it. They looked very professional on their walk around Ashtead last week surveying traffic and questioning members of the public. It was great to be able to out their learning into context and be 'Geographers' for the morning. 6P and 6SM also had a fantastic time in their Forest School lessons this half term.



This term culminated in our Harvest Festival assembly last week where Year 6 have thought carefully about where chocolate comes from and the impact farming it has on children in Ghana. Finally, we are so excited to be on our residential trip to PGL this week, making memories! – The Year 6 Team