



## Year Six Newsletter January 2024

Welcome back Year 6!



### Website Reminder

We will be updating our website with useful and helpful information regarding dates and activities. To access this information, including pictures and videos of the children learning, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: [www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk) then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 6.

### Social Media Reminder

We are now using our school media accounts more frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) and Twitter (@OldCleePA), to see what the children have been up to!



### Curriculum

This term, during Maths, Year 6 will be focusing heavily upon place value, calculations and fractions. In English, the children will be given many opportunities to read, both in our 'Bug Club' sessions and in class ERIC time. As a class, we will also be reading '**Kensuke's Kingdom**' by Michael Morpurgo as our class book. In writing, we will be covering work across a range of fiction texts – Kensuke's Kingdom and A Thief in the Village, non-fiction texts – 101 Things to do to Become a Superhero or Evil Genius and poetry – The Sea.

In addition to this, we are looking forward to covering a broad range of curriculum areas over the term.

In science, the children will be learning about plants, animals, humans, evolution and inheritance in biology; and understanding electrical circuits, light and sound in Physics. Through our history lessons, we will be looking at The Victorians. The focus in our Geography lessons will be to improve place and location knowledge, as well as learning about a range of biomes and transportation. We will be studying the work of Piet Mondrian in Art, focusing upon the children attempting to recreate his style of drawing. In Design Technology, the children will be concentrating on designing, making and evaluating bread. Computing will see the children learning how to use spreadsheets, blogging and completing text adventures over the term. Within RE, we will be exploring humanism and the key principles behind this belief. Finally, during our Personal Development lessons, we are going to be working on ensuring we are SUPERB citizens – there will be a weekly focus on each of our SUPERB attributes (self-aware, unique, problem-solving, empathetic, responsible and benevolent).

### Homework - Spellings, KIRFS and Times Tables

Your child will be bringing homework home each Friday. The homework will be 10 spelling words, maths mat and TT Rockstars, which will be set on the TT Rockstars website for your child. Thank you for your continued support with this. We know how busy home life can be!

Each week, your child will be given a spelling list to learn. Please support your child and help them to learn these words so that they can use them in class. The maths mat will be a focus each week in class. Also, we will continue to develop times tables knowledge through our fun Rockstars challenges. Times table knowledge and recall is vital as it assists all areas maths. Each week the children will have a specific times table to learn, which we will also work on in class, so please encourage them to practise these at home.



### P.E.

All children will need to come to school in their appropriate outdoor kit (**plain** navy or black with **no logos**) every **WEDNESDAY**. Jewellery will also need to be removed prior to the P.E. session for health and safety reasons – this cannot be done by a member of staff or another child in the class so please do this at home.

### Dates for your Diary

**Every Wednesday:** Come to school in PE kit.

**Every Friday:** New homework set, spelling test, times table test, maths mat (every week).

Kind regards,  
The Year Six Teaching Team