

## Reminders

### WATER BOTTLES

Please remind your child to bring in a water bottle, which should be taken home at the end of each day.

### OUR P.E. DAY IS WEDNESDAY

All children will need to **bring their PE kit** including a **change of footwear**.

## Dates For the Term

### **Year 6 trip to Suntrap Forest Education Centre:**

Tuesday 13th November (6CD / 6PB) and Wednesday 14th November (6SW / 6GR)

### **Children In Need:**

Friday 16th November 2018

### **Key Stage 2 Pantomime—Beauty and the Beast:**

Wednesday 28th November 2018

### **Assessment week:**

Week beginning 3rd December 2018

### **Key Stage 2 Disco:**

Wednesday 12th December 2018 (5:30—6:45)

### **Christmas Carol Concert:**

Tuesday 18th December 2018

### **The last day of term:**

Friday 21st December 2018 (school finishes at 12:30)

**We will return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019!**

# Buxton School



Year 6



## parent Newsletter

Welcome back for the second half of our Autumn term. As ever, there are lots of really interesting learning opportunities planned for the next few weeks and we are sure that the children will continue to work hard in order to take advantage of them.

We are studying an exciting new theme this half term: **SPACE EXPLORERS**. Exploring the mysteries and wonders of the universe, we will be extending the children's learning using Science, Computing, Design and Art.

Also this half term, we are looking forward to another trip to Suntrap Forest Education Centre during which the children will be given plenty of hands-on opportunities to enhance their understanding of the Science curriculum. This trip will be taking place on Tuesday 13th (6CD / 6PB) and Wednesday 14th November (6SW / 6GR).

The SATs exams are scheduled for May so we continue to work towards them and appreciate all of your support. To ensure that your child is as prepared as possible, they should be reading at home for at least 20 minutes every night and using their reading journals to deepen their understanding. Reading journals should be handed in at the same time as any homework, no later than a Wednesday, as they will be checked and handed back to pupils each Friday. Times tables must also be practised regularly and weekly homework completed promptly so that children can consolidate the skills they have been taught in class.

## Curriculum

Over the next half term, we will be covering the following:

**Literacy**— We are reading *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce and will be using this as inspiration to produce our own science fiction stories. We will also be learning how to write biographies.

**Numeracy**— Securing our understanding of place value including decimals and negative numbers, reviewing methods for all four operations, identifying and creating patterns in numbers, using units of measurement and converting between them, collecting, using and presenting data, solving multi-step word problems and understanding fractions and percentages.

We will be following the **International Primary Curriculum (IPC)** to ensure coverage of other subjects. The IPC has been developed to help children connect their learning to where they live now as well as looking at the learning from the perspective of other people in other countries. We will be learning about the following:

**Science**— Space

**History**— The development of astronomy.

**ICT**— Computer coding.

**Art & DT**— Alien landscapes.

**PSHE**— New beginnings and how to resolve conflict.

**RE**— Christianity and the World

**PE**— Dance, gymnastics and games delivered by PE specialists.

**Music**— Music related sessions delivered by our music specialist.

## Homework

**Homework is given out every Friday and is to be returned by the following Wednesday to your child's literacy and maths teachers. Reading journals should also be returned no later than Wednesday every week so that they can be checked and handed back out on Friday.**

**Children should aim to read for at least 20 minutes per night.** Please read with them when you can and make sure that they are using their reading journals to deepen their understanding and practice their comprehension skills. Prizes will be awarded to those children demonstrating outstanding effort.

All children have also been provided with their own individual logins for **Times Table Rockstars** and **DoodleMaths**. The latter consists of a range of fun and engaging activities designed to appeal to all learning styles. Activities are pitched to your child's individual needs and so provide a brilliant learning tool to be used at home throughout the remainder of Year 6. Please make sure that your child is making the most of both of these fantastic resources!

## Our Targets

### Reading

To 'read between the lines' for hidden meanings in texts and discuss these by giving supporting evidence in the text.

To use clues within the text to make informed predictions.

### Writing

To use a variety of sentence structures to make writing varied, interesting and effective.

To use a thesaurus and dictionary effectively to edit our work.

### Maths

To know my times tables up to 12 x 12

To apply the four operations to fractions.

To apply knowledge of fractions to word problems.

## Behaviour:

As you are aware the school operates a 'Good to be Green' Behaviour policy, we have adopted a 5 step system which we believe will assist pupils in making correct choices. These are:

**Gold-** Pupils will be rewarded for demonstrating exceptional behaviour in and out of school

**Green** – It's good to be green – we expect our pupils to stay on green with positive behaviour (we will ensure regular rewards are evident to those that achieve this).

**Yellow** – Verbal warning

**Orange** – Time with class teacher for not following clear warning

**Red** – A 10 minute reflection time that will take place at lunchtime.

**Pupils will be rewarded for their positive behaviour with half termly rewards. Parents/carers will be informed of the details nearer the time.**