

## Reminders

### UNIFORM

School uniform must be worn every day and must include a tie for all children in Year 6. Black shoes or boots are to be worn and shirts tucked in. Any hair accessories must be grey, black or purple.

### 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

#### **Key Stage 2 Sports Day**

Wednesday 27th June

#### **End of year reports sent home**

Monday 2nd July

#### **Waltham Forest Transition Day**

Wednesday 4th July

#### **Parents Evening**

Thursday 5th July

#### **Prize Giving**

Thursday 12th July

#### **Year 6 Leavers Ball**

Tuesday 17th July

#### **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Performance**

Wednesday 11th July and Thursday 12th July

#### **ACE Week**

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th July

#### **End of year celebration trips**

Dates to be confirmed

#### **Last day of term**

Friday 20th July (school finishes at 12:30)

# Buxton School



Year 6



## parent Newsletter

It's here! The last half-term of the year. We hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready for the final push before your child leaves and makes the transition to secondary school. There is still loads to look forward to and we are sure that the children will continue to work as hard as ever to make the most of their time here.

The pupils will be focusing on a new topic titled: **OUT OF AFRICA: Evolution and Inheritance** this half-term. They will be learning about the origins of life on our planet and how living things have adapted, evolved and changed over time.

Also this half term, we will be getting ready for our end-of-year production of **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**. Already, the children have been hard at work learning lines, practising songs and designing props. Rehearsals have started well and we can't wait to show you the finished performance on **Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th July**

Most importantly, thank you all for your continued encouragement and support during the build up towards SATs week – no matter what the result – every child and every family involved has worked extremely hard!

# Curriculum

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

**Literacy**— A short story based on *Francis* by Dave Eggers and further writing inspired by Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* including a newspaper report.

**Numeracy** - All children will work collaboratively in small groups to design, make and play their own maths board games. Further independent and collaborative maths projects including planning fundraising activities for our end of year trip will also take place.

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** - In Science, we'll be finding out: How life began in the sea then colonised the land. How fossils provide information about living things from the past. Why the dinosaurs died out. About the classification of plants and animals. How plants and animals reproduce. How living things evolve and change over time. How plants and animals are adapted to their environment. How adaptation leads to evolution. Whether there is life on other planets.

**Technology** - In Technology we'll be finding out: What foods early humans ate, grew and cooked. About prehistoric food and cooking techniques

**International** - In International, we'll be finding out: How superbugs evolve and spread around the world

RE - Buddhism

PE - Dance, gymnastics and games delivered by PE specialists.

## Homework

Homework will be given in the form of weekly projects— also most children have scripts and lyrics to learn off by heart.

Please encourage your child to read their lines every night and to continue to practise their songs. We only have a few weeks to go until the curtain is raised!

As ever, children should aim to read for at least 20 minutes per night and to continue practising their maths skills by making the most of the DoodleMaths software with which they are all familiar now.

# Our Targets

## Reading

- To explain and discuss understanding of what has been read, drawing inferences and justifying these with evidence.
- To evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader.
- To make comparisons within and across books.

## Writing

- To write for a range of purposes and audiences.
- To produce dialogue which conveys character and advances the action.
- To use the full range of punctuation including inverted commas, semi-colons, dashes, colons and hyphens.

## Maths

- To solve a range of mathematical problems using reasoning skills.

## 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.