**Year 6 Autumn Term**

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| **Welcome back after the Summer break.**  **We hope it has been enjoyable and the children are refreshed and ready for a busy term of learning!** | |
| **Maths**  As mathematicians in Year 6 the children will begin by concentrating on place value. Following this we will recap all four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and apply these taught skills in a range of different ways, including with decimal numbers. As you are aware Year 6 SATs will take place in May, therefore the children will be exposed to various arithmetic and reasoning style questions in preparation for this.  **English**  In English children will continue to explore a range of genres including formal and persuasive writing. Children will be developing a range of key writing skills, which will include using a range of word choices, sentence variations and higher level punctuation such as semi-colons, ellipses, dashes, hyphens and colons. They will also be encouraged to use conjunctions to improve their writing as well as a variety of sentence openers and powerful adjectives and adverbs. Children will also be encouraged to adapt the formality of their writing to suit the purpose and use a variety of tenses for effect. We will be developing key reading skills in our whole class reading sessions.  **Science**  In Science children will begin by studying Electricity. As enthusiastic scientists, the children will be furthering their investigative skills and will also be applying key maths and English skills in their work. After half term, the focus will switch to Animals Including Humans where the children will be learning about nutrients and the functions of the body including the heart.  **Religious Education**  The children will be learning about the community of Wolverhampton and the various religions that make up our local area. | **Topic**  Our thematic units are cross-curricular, covering all the traditional subjects as well as more contemporary areas of study such as sustainability and well-being.  Our first theme this term will be ‘A world of bright ideas’.  ‘A world of bright ideas’ is a thematic unit, based on the process of invention and design, with subject focuses of history and design and technology. Pupils will develop confidence in designing and creating their own inventions, whilst understanding the importance of advertising and considering trademark standards.  Our second theme will be ‘Pharaoh Queen’.  Pharaoh Queen is a competency-based thematic unit with a history focus, telling the inspirational story of Hatshepsut. She is famous for being only the third woman to become pharaoh in 3000 years of Ancient Egyptian history and the first to attain the full power of the position. We will learn, through her life story, all about her achievements and ongoing legacy.  **P.E**  Year 6 PE sessions will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit and all clothing is clearly labelled.  **MFL**  Modern Foreign Languages will focus on French. Children will continue to build upon conversational French as well as beginning to describe family members and hobbies.  **PSHEe**  Our focus this term will be on Relationships. Children will have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and opinions on managing their feelings, friendships and asking for help. Children will also learn about safe relationships and respect for themselves and others. |