

### Stags Class

The hot weather is back, which must mean the summer holidays are over! I would like to welcome new and familiar faces to Year 6, as the children are now officially the “senior” pupils in school!

Our learning theme for this half term is...“Stepping into the Unknown”.

We will be learning about Benin, finding out how the history of this African country contrasts with the UK.

In English, Stags class will be studying “The Arrival”, a graphic novel by Shaun Tan. Although the book itself has no words, we will use it to improve the structure of story writing and develop a range of vocabulary and sentence construction. We will also create some writing based on our history topic.

Another aim is to extend and deepen the children’s reading skills through engaging with more challenging texts, appropriate for year 6. It is important that they become increasingly confident at understanding the vocabulary and nuances of a range of different genres as we go through the year.

In Maths, we are looking at the place value of very large numbers before moving on to the “four operations” (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) – how they relate to each other and are used to solve problems.

We will be developing our oracy skills in maths, so the children have opportunities to improve their explaining and reasoning, helping to build their confidence.

### Links to Prior Learning

In Science this term, our theme will be “Forces”, something the children have encountered previously. The intention is for this to be very much a practical topic, as the class learn about the different forces around them and the effect they have on our everyday lives.



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### **“Stepping into the Unknown”**

In French, we are learning about different forms of transport. In Computing, we will be learning about “Web page creation”.

Once a week, Mrs Slingsby will be in Year 6 to teach RE and Music. Mrs Rachael Cox, our Family Wellbeing lead, will also be spending some time each week working on PHSE with the class.

**Reminders:** Please can your child bring their book and reading journal to school every day. We will spend time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change library books each week.

**PE will be on Fridays** and we are now asking the class to come to school in their PE kits each Friday – they will be able to stay in their kit during the day and so won’t need school uniform on Friday.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

### Supporting your child at home:

From the second week of term, your child will have English and Maths homework to complete. This will help reinforce what we have covered in class. Each task should take about 20 – 30 minutes to do. Although we will continue to learn and practise spellings, there will no longer be a weekly spelling test. Your child can still access TT Rockstars and Purple Mash at home. The class would benefit from continuing to practise tables frequently. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and speak with me.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Y6 “Meet the Teacher” – **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept**

School photos – **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept**

End of half term – **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct**