**‘Seeking Growth Together’**

As we embark on our final summer term in Year 6 the children will continue to look at the work of Jesus and his disciples, the importance of Pentecost and how we can continue to build the Kingdom of God. The children will continue to use picture books, with vital messages, to make links to Gospel Values and allow opportunities for higher level philosophical debates within the classroom. Our ‘Seeking Growth Together Time’ is at the heart of our classrooms and we deliver this through a wide range of lessons, including R.E, P.S.H.E, Core Values and Philosophy.

**Humanities**

We have now moved onto two new topics which we are sure the children are going to love! Our History topic is the Mayans and in Geography we will be flying around the world (if only!) to study South America. We will develop our children as historians ensuring they can conduct time lines, follow lines of enquiry and compare different eras. In Geography we will develop map skills, describe geographical diversity and compare population over time.

**PE**

In PE this term we will be developing striking and field skills by introducing an under arm throw and the use of a target to develop aim and accuracy. The children will develop required skills to play cricket with confidence.

**ICT**

In ICT we will be learning about generating quizzes electronically designed for a specific audience in mind. The children will be taught about their audiences age, suitability and layout and use PurpleMash to produce the quizzes.

**Science**

 This half term we will be focusing on the topic of ‘Electricity’. Through this topic we will be taught to:
• *associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit
• compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches
• use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.*

**Maths**

This half term we are using previous terms data analysis to ensure that any gaps in learning due to the Covi-19 lockdown – are well and truly plugged! Our Year 6 topics this half term include: *fractions, statistics, reasoning, algebra and position and direction.* Each day the children will have 20 arithmetic questions which they are striving to get full marks on. Teacher intervention can then take places for any key skills in which a child needs further support with. Our focus will remain on quality mathematical talk within lessons where the children explain their thoughts, reasons and answers accurately with confidence using the appropriate vocabulary.

**English**

This half term we will delve into the novel ‘Holes’ written by the author Louis Sachar. The children will read this novel as a class, with the staff modelling high quality reading which focusses on the important skills including: *pace, pitch, passion, pause, power and punctuation.* On completing the novel, the children will make a comparison against the Disney film of Holes. We are continuing to teach and embed key SPaG objectives in line with the Year 6 expectations.

**A message home….**

As we have done since September and during the lockdown, Teams will continue to be used to communicate home learning. Children have been given their login details and as previously all homework will be set on a **Friday** and will need to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. We cannot believe that this is our final term with the children in Year 6! We have so many things to look forward to if the national lockdown continues to head in the right directions. Fingers crossed to a summer term of trips, sports day, York residential, transition days and an end of year production! If for any reason you wish to speak to us, please contact the school office and we will telephone you as soon as we possibly can!

Mrs B and Ms O 😊

**The Arts**

In Art this term our topic is ‘Textiles’ focussing on DT and the children will be taught how to combine different fabric shapes using threading and stitching techniques.