Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Cupernham Junior School

"Fantastic Florida"

In this exciting Geography topic, we will be learning about the countries of North America before focusing on Florida. We will learn about what the continent is like and will make comparisons to our local area.

Throughout the topic, we will develop our map skills to include using compass points and grid references, as we find out more about the landscape and terrain of North America and Florida.

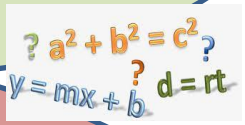
We will be finding out about natural features of the continent, and will consider similarities and differences of human and physical features of Florida and Romsey.





Maths

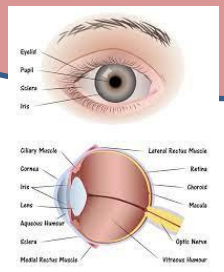
Throughout the term we will focus on place value skills. This involves knowing the value of a digit in a number, ordering them and writing them in figures and words, with increasing large numbers. We will also recap skills for the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



Science

Our first Science topic is all about light. We will be finding out how light travels and conduct several investigations looking into shadows, how light travels through transparent, translucent and opaque objects and how light is reflected. Finally, we will be learning about the anatomy of the human eye and investigating how we see.





All home learning will be set and due in on ***Mondays***

PE

Year 6 need to come to school in PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday.

PE kit is a plain t-shirt, the colour of your child's house, and black shorts or dark tracksuit bottoms. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or covered with tape. Please ensure your child is prepared for the lessons.



The PE lessons will include teaching the skills needed to play tag rugby and perform in a gymnastics routine as a group.

Key dates:

Tuesday 1st September-INSET day

Wednesday 2nd September – INSET day

Thursday 3rd September-Term starts

Tuesday 8th September-Individual photos

Thursday 10th September-Meet the teacher 3.30pm

Thursday 24th September – Flu jabs

Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15h October-parents evening

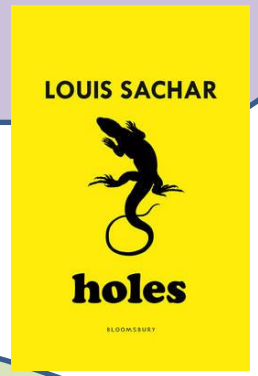
W/C 19th October-Special week details to follow

Wednesday 21st October-last day of term

Reading

This half term, Year 6 will be exploring 'Holes' by Louis Sachar; discussing various front covers, language choices and themes across the book.

Within Reading lessons, there will always be a focus on a particular skill of reading. These include: Inference, author's Intent and language, fact retrieval, Summary, prediction and Skimming and scanning.



What can you do to help at home?

- Times Table practise (TTRS)
- Support the practising of weekly spellings
- Reading with your child and asking questions around what they have read and vocabulary

Writing

Our writing unit will focus on the book 'Holes' in line with our work in Reading lessons. The children will write a short setting description of Camp Green Lake, followed by a monologue in role as Stanley as he digs all day in the hot sun. After this, the children will focus their learning on writing a narrative, completing a chapter within the book.

Throughout the half term, the children will be consolidating their knowledge of sentence structures and word classes.