



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2021

Mr Coleman, Ms Talbot and Mr Miladowski



This half term we are learning:

English: Initially, our work in Autumn 1 has consisted of a range of interesting activities based around the book, *'Kensuke's Kingdom'* by Michael Morpurgo.

Maths: To begin the academic year, the majority of our work will be based around place value and the four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide).

Science: We are learning about Living Things and Their Habitats.

History: We are currently looking at the key events leading up to and during World War Two.

Geography: Our geographical work is currently based around Rivers.

Art: The children are learning how to draw portraits.

Music: The children are learning a variety of sea shanty songs as well as learning the glockenspiel.

French: In French, Miss Dugmore is reminding the children of the key phrases.

PSHE: The children will be looking at how it is important it is to respect one another as well as learning about famous celebrities who come from different backgrounds.

PE: The lessons with Mr Cross this half-term will revolve around dodgeball.

RE: The children are learning about commitments.

Message from the teachers:

Thank you for your continued support at home. We are very pleased with how the children have settled back into school in Year 6. Reading is an area we are promoting and our children are currently engaged in *Kensuke's Kingdom*. All children should be coming home with a reading book from school; they are reading this in school as well as at home. Please encourage your child to read at home. We appreciate your co-operation with this and cannot emphasise enough how important it is to instil a love of books in children from a young age.

At school, we are encouraging the children to know all of their times tables. This has a huge impact on nearly every aspect of maths. Your child should have access their 'Times Table Rockstars' and 'Purple Mash' logins which they can access at home.

Finally, we hope that all children are enjoying being back at school after a long summer holiday.

Suggested Home Learning Activities

The most important thing you can do with your child is to encourage them to read. We hope that all children have the opportunity to read for at least 15 - 20 minutes every day at home.

With regard to Maths, times tables, number bonds and telling the time are other areas that children can benefit hugely from practising at home. This can be done at any time of the day - even when you are in the car or walking to school.