## Year group: Year 6 Term: Spring 1 2021

# Teacher & TAs: Mrs Shires, Mrs Bell, Mr Connor

## Teacher message - Our first newsletter for 2022!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that the children are ready for a very busy (and productive) half term as they begin to prepare for their end of Key Stage 2 SAT's tests.

Thank you to parents who are continuing to read and question their children on what they have read and for supporting with Times Tables Rockstars practice.

#### English: Reading:

The children will have daily guided RAMP reading sessions; this term, using increasingly lengthy texts in preparation for the SAT's tests in May.

#### Writing:

The children will be looking at non-fiction writing, starting with biographical writing on Marcus Rashford. They will also improve their descriptive writing using images as stimuli

#### Humanities (History/ Geography)

This first half term, the children will be studying the effects of the Manchester Blitz bombings on the people and buildings of their local community in our local history topic.

**PE:** This term, the children will have PE on Tuesday with the focus on Gymnastics. The school PE kit is a white T-Shirt, black shorts/leggings/ jogging bottoms. Children will complete the lessons in the hall either barefooted or in black pumps (no trainers). Please come to school dressed for PE on Tuesdays.

## Expressive arts: (Art/ Design and Technology):

In Art, the children learn about the work of graffiti artists, Käthe Kollwitz and Pablo Picasso and develop their skills in drawing, painting and sculpture.

### Mathematics:

<u>Area of maths:</u> This first half term the children will be consolidating and extending their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Arithmetic: Children need to focus on becoming increasingly fluent with a wide range of number skills- it is extremely important that they can quickly recall and apply their times tables facts up to 12x12. We will be having daily arithmetic practice in every maths lesson.

<u>Religious Education:</u> The children will be thinking about the question, 'What do different religions say to us about when life gets hard?' They will consider ideas and beliefs on death and reincarnation.

#### Science:

The children will be investigating the human circulatory system and the ways in which a healthy diet is important to our health. They will consider the effects of exercise on their bodies and explore how water and nutrients are transported and used by the body.

**PSHCE :** This half term, our Heart smart unit is 'Too much selfie isn't healthy' where the children will consider the ways in which we are different and the same, how we can be good friends and good listeners. Co-Jo missions will centre around Amelia Earhart.