



# Year Six Newsletter

## Spring 2, February/March 2018



### Alive and Kicking!



A hearty welcome back! We kick off this half term with our science topic, investigating the human body, including our circulatory system. We will be learning how to look after our health and how our bodies change over time. To support our learning, we will be fundraising for The British Heart Foundation with a sponsored 5K *Run, Skip, Hop, Jump*. As well as our topic work across the curriculum, we are also looking forward to World Book Day which takes place this half term.

As ever, we have a packed schedule over the next few weeks and we are really looking forward to sharing this learning with you at the parent consultations (see dates below). Further details of all the activities mentioned will follow. In the meantime, if you have any queries or suggestions please don't hesitate to call us.

Mr Evans and Miss Walton



### Mathematics

There will be plenty of cross curricular maths including data recording and analysis of statistics using our performance in our PE sessions. We will also be mastering converting measures, area and perimeter and ratio and proportion.

### Tutor Groups

Maths: Tuesday, 08.00-09.00 – Mr Evans

Reading: Thursday, 3.30-4.30 – Miss Walton

If you would like your child to attend, just let us know.

### Important Dates

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Learning Log Exhibition

1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day

5<sup>th</sup> March – Assessment Week

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations

21<sup>st</sup> March – visit to National Science and Media Museum

26<sup>th</sup> March – BHF sponsored 5K Run, Skip, Hop, Jump



### English

*Cameron is thirteen and in need of a heart transplant when a pioneering doctor approaches his family with a startling proposal...* *Pig Heart Boy* by the award-winning children's author, Malorie Blackman will form a large part of our English work this half term. We will be reading on and between the lines to uncover the feelings and motives of the characters. Then we will be writing and performing from the main character's perspective as well as taking part in the Great Debate, discussing the use of animals in medical science. Finally, we will be researching, writing and performing a persuasive radio advertisement to promote blood donation. The children will take part in *The Voice* competition in which they will use all of their persuasive techniques to persuade the judges to vote and turn their chairs around.

Our grammar work will focus on the use of tense, informal and formal speech and writing, including using the subjunctive (your child should be able to explain!).



## Reminder - CGP Revision Books

If you haven't already ordered the CGP practice books, an order form is attached. There are Mathematics and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling practice books available. They can be used for valuable extra practise at home.

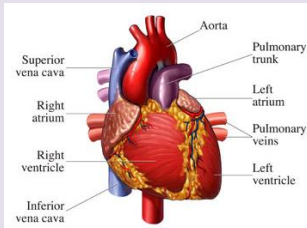
### Science

Our science focus this half term will include learning how to describe the changes as humans develop to old age as well as identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.

We will also investigate how to keep ourselves healthy, recognising the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function.

In addition, the children will be able to describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. We will plan, use, measure, record, report and present findings and data.

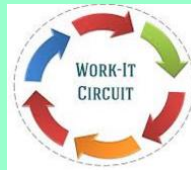
It is a packed half term and any additional reading on this subject would certainly help discussion in class.



### P.E.

The children will be training for their sponsored 5K outside. During indoor sessions, we will be continuing with our Zumba sessions (we are becoming experts!) as well as carrying out circuit training, in which we will be measuring our personal progress

each week



### Magic moments from last half-term...



### Learning Logs

These were sent home before the holiday and we will be holding a Learning Log Exhibition afternoon in which children will present their project to their class.

Each child will vote for their favourite three and prizes will be awarded. Our previous exhibitions were very impressive and we look forward to seeing the children's creations!



This half term we will be focusing on the word list (this has been sent home). In addition, we will revise words ending in: -cious, -tious, -cial, -tial, -ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ency, -able, -ible, -ably, ibly.

We have a class spelling bee challenge every Friday and the children keep track of their scores and progress.

Have a



Sponsored 5K Run, Skip, Hop, Jump

The children will train for this fundraising event on 26<sup>th</sup> March – sponsor forms will be given to the children.

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please let us know. In the meantime, many thanks for your continuing support and we look forward to a term of exciting learning and great progress!

With our best regards, The Year Six Team.

