

## Class 6

The Bliss Charity School



#### Term 3



Dear families,

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas 🐯.

Last year, Class 6 absolutely loved our WW2 topic and we start 2022 with another fantastic history-based topic with lots more interesting, cross-curricular learning in store.

As we head towards the SATs in May, please can I stress how important it is that your child continues to enjoy their reading as much as possible. We appreciate any help that you can give your child with this.

Thanks again for all your support and here's to a fantastic final year at The Bliss Charity School for your child.

Mr. Colton



# Term 3 Topic: Black History



Our over-arching theme for this term is history and geography based. We will be looking at key events and lead figures in black history who led to changes in laws and opinions. These will include the segregation laws in America fought against by Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King; apartheid in South Africa rallied against by Nelson Mandela and his supporters; and at prejudices faced by migrants to the U.K., both historically (we will look at the era of the Windrush) and today. The children will be discussing issues such as prejudice and racism, exploring some of the causes of these and how people fought to overcome them.

# Literacy and numeracy

In literacy, the children will be writing setting descriptions and news reports linked to Mandela's incarceration. They will also be creating character descriptions of icons of black history and writing their very own 'I have a dream' speech.

Numeracy this term will focus on space and measures, decimals, percentages, algebra, perimeter, area and volume. There will be a large focus on daily arithmetic and developing reasoning skills across these areas. Please keep up the practise of times tables at home as these are the foundation of successful arithmetic and reasoning.



### Other subjects...

In RE, the children will be looking at how the world was created and Christian stories from the Bible

PE this term will take place indoors on a Wednesday and outdoors on a Monday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school especially as the weather gets colder.

Computing will be on Tuesday afternoons and Mrs. Baker will be taking PSHE and Music sessions on Friday afternoons.

### Helping your child at home ...

Homework will always be given out on a Friday. Throughout the term, the children will be given some topic-based homework where they will be expected to produce a double-page project on the given topic. We will always discuss ideas in class first and the children will be given suggestions for what should be included. These are a great opportunity for children to develop their writing techniques and targets and engage their metacognitive skills and attitudes – best efforts will always be rewarded.

Throughout the term, when they don't have specific topic homework, the children will also be given extra reading comprehension or SPAG homework.

All homework is **due in by Friday** at the latest. Children should be encouraged to complete homework as independently as possible – we really want them to come and talk to us if they are having any difficulties so we can give them further support.

Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day – in addition to time given to reading in school – and be recording this in their reading record. Mrs. Baker will take in reading records every Monday morning.

Spellings will now be tested every **Wednesday afternoon** – please encourage your child to practise!

Please continue to practise quick fire multiplication and division facts with your child as these play such a huge role in accessing more complex areas of Maths.

#### Class 6 information ...

- 7<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> February Healthy Eating Week
- 8<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February School closes

