



### Term 2 - Years 5 and 6

We hope you all had a lovely half term. We were very impressed with the standard of homework produced by Years 5 and 6 during term 1 and look forward to seeing what the children hand in this term. Certificates for achieving 40 points or more will be given out this week. Your child will be coming home with this term's learning log today - our theme is Wales. The children worked very hard throughout term 1 and we look forward to another exciting term. PE days remain unchanged so just a reminder that we will be doing outdoor PE once a week and we will be going outside in most weather conditions so please ensure your child has a tracksuit.

Year 6 had an amazing time at Kingswood before half term where lots of the children overcame their fears, supported each other and achieved a lot of personal goals tackling the outdoor apparatus at the centre.

Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying working on performance poetry. They will be sharing some of the poems that have inspired them in their literacy at a performance on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 9am.

Year 6 children have started to participate in their enterprising activities to raise money for their end of year trip. So far we have raised nearly £200 selling cakes and bakes recipe books in addition to donations given on the taster days. We would like the rest of the school to participate by buying some of the cakes in a bake sale on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014. In addition Year 6 will also be doing a sponsored walk during November; further details to follow shortly.

Year 5 will take part in some science workshops at Invicta Grammar School later on in the Year. Invicta invite us to many events - we try to attend as many as possible. This term we are sending a team to the Year 5 Literacy Challenge and some of Year 5 have been invited to a 'Round the World' afternoon.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 Year 6 children will be visiting Maidstone Museum to take part in two workshops which are linked to our History/Geography and Science units; living things and their habitats and local history.

In this term's art lessons, we will be making our own 3D models depicting an aspect of the Christmas journey. We would like to create our models inside shoeboxes. Please send in any empty shoeboxes via your child by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, thank you!

Anti-bullying Week 2014 is the 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November. The primary theme this year is 'Let's stop bullying for all'.

As part of Maplesden Noakes' sixth form 'Theatre for Children' unit, their students are performing an annual Christmas pantomime and have kindly invited our Year 6 students to watch. We will be walking to Maplesden so please ensure your child has a coat - the performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' is on

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.



