

# *Diamond Class Autumn Term Newsletter 2017*

## *Welcome to Year Six!*

We have an exciting year ahead, filled with plenty of fun and interesting topics. I am really looking forward to seeing the children make progress throughout their final year at Milldene. I will endeavour to keep you up-to-date with any changes. Registration starts promptly at 8.50am however I will usually be available for

### **English**

This term we will be focusing on instruction writing, initially, using *How to Train Your Dragon* as our inspiration. We will read a variety of different instruction texts and will focus on the key features including organisational devices and commands. As the term develops we will begin to look at re-counts/diaries and short stories.

### **Reading**

The children will continue to read and quiz using the Accelerated Reader scheme. It is incredibly important for the children to enjoy reading and to discuss their books with you. We will continue to work on comprehension skills in our guided reading sessions.

### **Mathematics**

We will begin this term by refreshing our knowledge on place value and mental multiplication and division techniques. We will continue to develop our mathematical understanding by applying skills to real life scenarios as often as possible. Our times table Olympics will continue to help us increase our speed, accuracy and confidence in recalling number facts.

### **Topic**

Our topic this half-term will be all about the Viking Invaders. I very much welcome the class to bring in toys, photos, books, posters or *anything* related to this topic that they would like to share.

During the second half-term, we will be looking at inventors, inventions and the Victorians. We will look at the invention of the light bulb, the first electric train and more in the hope the children can come up with their own modern invention.

Our science this term will link directly with our second topic as we will be studying and developing our knowledge of light and electricity.

### **P.E.**

Our scheduled P.E. lessons are on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. When the colder weather arrives a cold weather kit would be of benefit- track-suit bottoms and a sweatshirt. In line with the county council's health and safety policy, earrings must be removed for P.E..

Could all parents please ensure that their child's P.E. kit is labelled with their name to allow us to quickly return any lost kit to its rightful owner.

### **Daily Mile**

In addition to our scheduled P.E. sessions we are going to trial doing the Daily Mile, this is where for 15 minutes everyday we will go outdoors and run. The Daily Mile helps to promote social, emotion and mental health and wellbeing, as well as fitness. Please can parents make sure their child had suitable footwear in school for this each day. If you would like to know more visit:

[www.thedailymile.co.uk](http://www.thedailymile.co.uk)

### **Homework**

In Year Six the children will be expected to read as regularly as possible and to learn spellings. We will continue to learn and revise spelling patterns; a letter regarding the spellings and some techniques to help learn them has already been sent home. The children will also be expected to complete a half termly project based on our current topic, this will be open ended to encourage the children to be creative. Abacus Maths homework will continue as soon as possible. If anyone has any issues logging on to Abacus Maths please let me know.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- On Monday 18th September we will leave to go to Kingswood for our residential visit where the children will get the opportunity to take part in a variety of confidence, team building and fun activities.
- Meet the teacher will be after school on Friday 15th September.
- After-school open class will be on a Tuesday each week.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your support,  
*Mrs Heydon*