

# Autumn 1 2018

**Reading:** Reading books and quizzes continue as in Y5; reading a wide range is even more important so I am hoping that lots of the class completed the summer reading challenge and found some new authors to enjoy. Guided reading sessions will follow a book or other texts and explore ideas together twice a week. Extra support for reading will be put in place through Autumn 1.



**Home/School books** – in school daily please, daily reading recorded; parents should remember to check and sign at the end of each week please.

## Diary Dates:

**September 6th:** IOW meeting 3.30pm

**September 24th-28th:** IOW residential

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## Journey Across the Sea Year 6 Curriculum News

**How Parents can help at home:** What do we know, what do we need to learn? Spelling patterns, grammar rules and terms will be a constant feature of English lessons this year—check your child can identify the different word classes and give examples e.g. of common, proper and abstract nouns.

**Maths:** Good recall of multiplication tables is essential this year; frequent practice really helps in preparation for Maths Mountain tests. Remember to test related facts too—what is  $48 \div 6$ ,  $63 \div 9$ ?  $8 \times ? = 72$ ? We will begin the term securing place value and calculation strategies.

**History and Geography:** Through the study of this island locality within the UK, the children will learn about life on an island, past and present. They will find out about famous visitors to the island, how it has changed through different historical periods and understand the impact that change can have on the landscape and its inhabitants. They will learn about the geology of the island and how that has affected its development and its use today. On our residential trip to the island we will discover first hand the secrets of the Isle of Wight and what makes it such a popular destination. Using a field notebook, pupils will record notes, sketches and observations of the landscape and buildings. In **Art** pupils will have opportunities to develop their observations and create pencil and watercolour work in the style of Georgia O'Keefe.

**English:** Using the Isle of Wight as a focus, writing will aim to inform and persuade the reader in interesting and varied ways.

**Science:** Our topic this term is All Things Living. Pupils will learn how all living things, including micro-organisms, plants and animals, are classified into broad groups with common observable characteristics based on similarities and differences. They will begin to describe those and give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

**PSHE:** This term we will look at managing conflict and handling our emotions. Our residential visit will require team work and it will help pupils develop respect for others and of course, further their independence.

