

How to help your child:

Your child will be given a 'Take Home Task' sheet every 2 weeks. There are a number of possible tasks which your child can choose from to complete. They need to complete at least 1 task from the sheet. The tasks are aimed to suit the children's differing abilities. If your child needs any resources to help them complete the tasks please ask us.

Spellings are usually sent home on a Monday and are tested on the following Monday. Your child is expected to complete and learn these spellings.

Reading will be given on a number of days during the week. Please listen to your child read the sent home reading, discuss the book and **sign the child's reading record**.

Times tables and mental maths skills will be tested weekly. Please help your child to practise and learn these facts for instant recall.

SHACKLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL



What will Year 6 be covering
in the Autumn term?

Our Learning Journey is.....

'Out of Africa'



Our work this term is focused upon the amazing continent of Africa. We will be learning about Nelson Mandela: his life and great influence on the lives of so many. Alongside this we will learn about the rich variety of culture and wildlife across this vast continent.



Some of the questions we hope to answer.....

Who was Nelson Mandela?

How are elephants adapted to their environment?

What is the landscape like in different parts of Africa?

What are 'Fairtrade' foods?

How is our school similar to a school in Ghana?

Can you create a mask in the style of an African tribe?

To help us find the answers to these questions we will be using many different skills across the curriculum.

The focus for the first few weeks in Literacy will be writing diary entries. The children will be putting themselves into the shoes of different characters who appear in the books that we will be reading in class. We will also look at autobiographies and biographies. The children will consider the features of this genre of writing and how they can include these in their own writing. We will then go on to looking at non-fiction texts, writing reports and fact files on some of the many animals that can be found in Africa. Later in the term we will be looking at a selection of poetry based on animals, the landscape and issues concerning Africa.

The children will all have Reading Workshop daily, which involves reading, comprehension, grammar and developing handwriting skills. This results in all children reading to an adult twice a week. There will also be other opportunities during the week for the children to read to an adult.

In our maths lessons the children will continue to work on their number skills: identifying factors by using divisibility rules and converting vulgar fractions to decimal numbers. They will continue to use the operations: addition, subtraction, division and multiplication for whole numbers and fractions. All of our number work will involve solving word problems or 'real-life' maths stories.

In geometry, data and measure lessons the children will be calculating the area of rectangles and using pi to calculate the circumference of a circle. They will continue to learn about and draw accurately 2D shapes, such as hexagons and triangles. This will incorporate measuring accurately and using a pair of compasses. The children will also use timetables and calendars to solve problems.

Please feel free to come and talk to your child's maths teacher if you require more details.

In Physical Education over the term we will complete a number of units of study. Both classes have their P.E lessons on Wednesday and Thursday. We will start the term working on Multi-skills. This will involve a range of activities to develop the children's agility, stamina, co-ordination and balance. These skills are essential in all sports. Later in the term we will be using these skills to play Tag Rugby. These lessons will be outside. Please ensure that you child has suitable P.E kit for this e.g. tracksuit top and bottoms.