



# Newsletter

Feniton C of E Primary School – Autumn Term 2018  
YEAR 6



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new term which already has some exciting activities arranged. We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year. This term our creative curriculum theme is Sensational Shakespeare. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting my new class and some of you during the parent question and answer session. However, if there is a specific concern, my door is always open to you.

## Literacy

Introduction to William Shakespeare. We shall study his life and times, whilst looking in-depth at The Tempest. This gives us the opportunity to study the language as well as the obvious speaking and listening opportunities.

## History

Elizabeth 1st's reign and the English expansion, including colonisation of the New World. The Renaissance in England including the lives and works of individuals such as Shakespeare and Marlow.

## Numeracy

The focus the first term will be a consolidation of known facts and an increase in number skills. To include fractions, decimals, percentages and ratio. Shape and space will focus upon translation, rotation and properties of shapes.

## Homework

Pupils will be expected to spend 30 minutes a day reading, spelling, and consolidating their times tables. The homework pack will be given out during the first week of term and children will be expected to choose an English task as well as a maths task. The homework journal is to be returned, signed by an adult, every Wednesday.

## Reading

Group and guided reading in class will be the main focus. Pupils will also have individual reading books to enjoy and read at home and school.

## Science

Our first topic is light and shadows. This goes into greater depth than in previous years. The puppets constructed in the autumn term's DT will be great to double up as a Shakespearian shadow theatre. We move onto electricity. Simple series circuits are constructed to help them answer questions about swapping components.

## Art and Design Technology

Art will take place on Tuesdays, please can you provide your child with a suitable named covering – an adults T-shirt is ideal. In order to fit in with our creative curriculum theme the children will design and make a puppet based on a character in 'The Tempest' using multiple resources. We would very much appreciate parent volunteers to assist with art each Tuesday afternoon. If you are able to offer any of your time, Mr Butler who will be leading these sessions will welcome your support.

## ICT

Now fully integrated to enhance all subjects. Text manipulation in the form of a Shakespearean sonnet using Word and Spreadsheets will be the focus this term.

## R.E.

Questions and beliefs. Who am I and what do I think about big questions. Comparing Christianity and Islam.

## School Bags

Please can school bags be kept small as the cloakrooms have little space.

## P.E.

Games skills for netball, creative dance and sports-hall athletics will be our focus for the first term. PE will be on a Monday and games on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit (trainers, black shorts and white t-shirt). Children should also bring a warm jumper and jogging bottoms, or similar, to combat any cold weather in games each Friday. Clothes for games are NOT to remain in school.