

## Sharks Summer Term Newsletter

*Growing and learning together with God*

Dear Parents and Carers,

May 2022

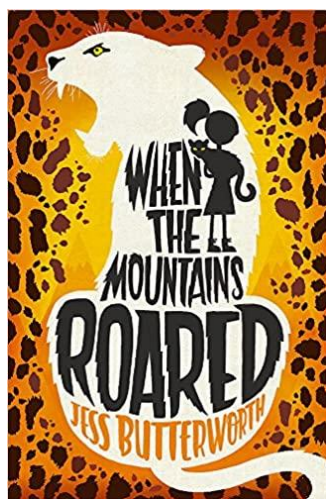
We are immensely proud of how hard Sharks have worked on revision over the last few weeks, and of the *Confidence, Self-Belief and Endurance* that Year 6 have shown during their SATS. We are now looking forward to enjoying the summer term and our new topic, *Mountains to Climb*. This inspiring topic not only involves learning about mountains around the world, but also includes the metaphorical interpretation of rising to a challenge: an important theme for the summer term as we face end of year assessments, putting on a production and Year 6 prepare for transition to their new secondary schools.



### Communications

Children's annual reports will be sent home on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, however if you have individual concerns about your child or any other queries, please do not hesitate to either speak to class adults on the playground at the end of the day or contact the school office.

Keep an eye on the weekly school newsletters to find out what we have been learning about each week; we will also be updating the Sharks class page on the website a couple of times each term with news and photos of our learning journey.



### Topic: Mountains to Climb

Over the last few weeks we have started reading from books titled *Great Adventurers* and *Survivors* to find out about adventurous mountain climbers throughout history; we will be using their stories to inspire journalistic writing in our English lessons. Our class novel this term is *When the Mountains Roared*, a book about leopard poaching in the Himalayas; this will inspire our own adventure stories, as well as non-chronological reports about the Himalayas.

In **Geography** we are focusing on the physical geography of how mountains are formed and exploring mountain habitats, as well learning where in the world mountains can be found and how they are mapped. Mountains will also inspire our **Art** lessons as we study the work of Japanese painter Hokusai and make our own paintings and prints of mountain scenes.



In **RE** we are returning to studying the Sikh religion, finding out about Sikh stories and how Sikhs show their commitment to God. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June the whole school will visit the Sikh Gurdwara in Leamington Spa - more details to



follow shortly. Our **Science** work involves further investigation into the properties of materials and also a unit on the Science of Sport. Year 6 continue to receive brass lessons from Mr Probert on Tuesday mornings, while Year 5 will be taught **Music** by Sharks teaching staff. In **French** children will be learning phrases which might be used when out shopping and will also learn to tell the time in French.

Our **SCARF PHSE** units this term are *Keeping Myself Safe* and *Growing and Changing*. This includes discussing the changes that occur during puberty; please refer to the school RSE Policy (available on the school website) or contact the office if you have any questions regarding the content of our RSE lessons.

## PE

PE lessons will be on **Wednesday and Thursday** afternoons, and our topics include Rounders, Tennis, Cricket and Athletics. Please ensure that children have navy blue shorts, t-shirt, trainers and appropriate clothing for going outside in either cool or sunny weather, and that all items are clearly named. PE kits should be in school every day in case PE sessions change; they will be sent home on a Friday so that the cloakrooms can be thoroughly cleaned. Sports Week will take place across the school in the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> June, culminating in Sports Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Those children in Year 6 who have not yet achieved the national curriculum requirement of swimming 25m are again invited to **additional swimming lessons** on **Friday** afternoons to support them in achieving this expected level of water safety.

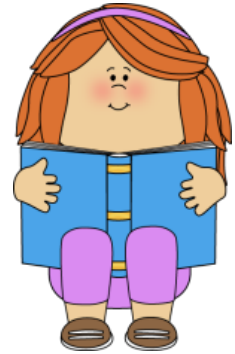
## Water bottles and snacks



Children should remember to bring a bottle of water (not squash) into school to keep in the classroom every day; water bottles can be re-filled during the day. If children are bringing in snack for break time, please remember this should be healthy food like a piece of fruit.

## Home Learning

Project homework will continue to be set whereby children choose which projects to complete from a variety of themes; these will be shared with the class and feedback given. Details about our Mountains to Climb project options will be sent out as an assignment on Teams, where supporting resources are also available.

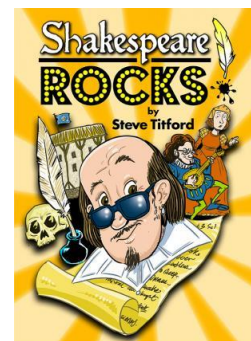


All children have **Spelling Shed** and **Times Table Rock Stars** log-ins which they should be using regularly to keep practising key skills.

- On **Mondays** we will check that children have been using **TTRockstars** to practise their times tables for a minimum of **20 minutes** across the week.
- On **Tuesdays** we will check that children have accessed **Spelling Shed** a minimum of **three times a week**. Spelling practise sheets are available as an alternative if children do not have internet access at home.
- On Fridays we will check that children have been reading at home and recording this in their **Reading Record** a minimum of **three times a week**.

## Sharks and Stingrays Production

We are looking forward to starting work shortly on our upper KS2 production of Shakespeare Rocks; performance dates to follow shortly. Watch out for scripts coming home soon!



As you can see, Sharks Class are looking forward to another action packed term of *growing and learning together with God!*

Mrs Montgomery - Class Teacher

Mrs Weaver and Mrs England - Sharks TAs

Mr Hart - teaching on Friday afternoons