

**Autumn term
2011
Year 6**

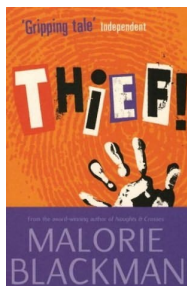
Welcome!

We hope you all had a wonderful break and welcome you back to an exciting and action packed term. The aim of this letter is to give you some information about what your child will be learning over this term so that you can support him or her at home.

The first half term our topic is based on a book called Thief by Malorie Blackman followed by the Tudors during the 2nd half term.

Maths

Our maths work will continue to focus on counting, partitioning and calculating numbers. Children will be securing number facts, understanding shape as well as handling data and measuring, We expect all year 6 children to know their times-tables to 12. They will be tested on these regularly



Thief by Malorie Blackman

In this topic children will focus on History, Geography, English, PE, ICT and Art/DT. In English children will be identifying and discussing features of the text. They will be writing diary entries and planning and drafting short engaging stories set in the future. During the second part of this half term children will be learning about biographies and autobiographies and in particular focusing on Malorie Blackman and other black influential people. (Black history month is celebrated in October) Children will be creating multimedia presentations on laptops, Year 6 will also be designing and making time machines. They will compare London

and Yorkshire and look at inventions of the past. In our art lessons we will create a screen print based on Pop art.



Tudors

We will be exploring and learning in great depth about The Tudors. Through Drama, PE, ICT and Music the children will get an opportunity to find out and discover the history and impact the Tudors had on England. Areas of focus for this topic will include Tudor life, Kings and Queens who lived 400 years ago and Henry VIII and his 6 wives. For English we will be reading plays by Shakespeare and re-enacting some of the scenes from his famous plays.

School trip



We will be visiting The Globe Theatre in the 2nd half term. We will travel on the tube. Adult helpers may be required for this trip.

PE

PE lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays. The children will need to bring a full blue and white PE kit including trainers or good gripping shoes.

Please could you ensure that every item of your child's uniform, coats and PE kit is named.

Homework

The children will receive three pieces of homework each week on a Friday; Maths, English and a topic related piece plus spellings to learn. Homework should be completed and handed in by Wednesday.

Reading at home

Children are still expected to read every night, preferably to someone at home, for at least 15 minutes. Each child should have a book bag. Inside the book bag should be two books: one book they have chosen to enjoy themselves and one book which has a colour band. This book has been selected by the teacher and your child should be able to read it to an adult or older child.

We hope that this letter gives you some useful information to help you support your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to us!

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