

Autumn: September 2017

# Year 6

Mrs Knox, Miss Igoe, Miss Cunningham & Mrs Shephard

## Welcome Back!

We hope everyone has had a wonderful rest and is ready for the term ahead. The curriculum is jam-packed with a key focus on learning about the life and times of William Shakespeare.



### Our Curriculum

'Shaking All Over' is the title of our Autumn context. The children will be learning about the life and works of William Shakespeare and about Tudor England. We will use this context as a stimulus for our writing, getting children to be historians, newspaper reporters, scriptwriters and artists.

In Maths, children will be focusing on place value, reasoning, written methods and using and applying their skills. The Human Circulation System will be explored in Science. Children will understand the biology of how this system functions in our body. We are pleased to invite Mr Dave Dixon back to work with our children. He will be covering digital resilience as part of our computing and social, moral spiritual and cultural (SMSC) curriculum. He will incorporate a range of multi-media apps that will aid children's learning through all subjects. Follow us on Twitter for live updates @HemlingtonHall. In music, children will be rapping about Romeo and Juliet, using Garageband app to accompany their lyrics.

Miss Igoe will deliver 'Pants' from the NSPCC. Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried. This is part of our SCSM curriculum.

PE is on a Thursday afternoon. All children have been provided with an indoor PE kit. As the season progresses, children are asked to bring in suitable kit.

Homework - Due to the rigorous nature of Year 6, children will be expected to complete and return homework. Spellings, English (Reading and GPS) and Maths will be given out each week on a Friday to be returned the following Friday. We encourage children to read daily and a constant practice of times and division tables. Please see attached letter concerning homework in Y6.

Open Evenings for all of our local secondary schools are printed in your child's copy of Primary Times. We encourage parents to go and see a range of schools. If you have any concerns or questions about Year 6 and how best to help your child during their SATs year, please do not hesitate to speak with us. We thank you for your continued support.

The Year 6 Team

Hemlington Hall Academy

### Upcoming Dates

**Digital Resilience  
with Dave Dixon:  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup>  
September**

**Parent  
Consultations: 16<sup>th</sup>  
& 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Half-term: Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
October**

**School Closed  
PDDay: Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
October**

**School Trip:  
Beamish Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
November – Late  
return 4:30pm**

**SATS 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup>  
May – 17<sup>th</sup> May**