

# Pike Fold Community School - UKS2 Newsletter Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019



### What we have been up to this week in UKS2

**Year 5:** This week in Mathematics, children have been learning about the properties of shapes. We have recapped the things we have learnt so far in Key Stage 2 and then progressed to new learning.

In English lessons, we have been writing playscripts based on the Charles Dicken's novel, Oliver. We have looked at the features needed in playscripts and then began drafting our own pieces.

Year 6: This week in Maths sessions with Mr Graham, Year 6 have been learning about ratio and proportion. We have been enlarging shapes by a given scale factor.

In English with Mr Johnson, Year 6 have been focussing on their reading skills. We have been reading and listening to the podcast of A Christmas Carol and developing our retrieval, vocabulary and inference skills. We have also been analysing different playscripts before beginning to write our own next week.

Reminder: Please ensure that your child is reading their Accelerated Reader book for at least 20 minutes per day at home. This is critical for ensuring that your child is developing their reading speed, fluency and encountering a range of vocabulary.

#### **Homework**

Year 5 Maths – Mathletics activities (usernames in journals)

English - Spelling Shed & Cracking Comprehension

Year 6 Maths - Mathletics

English - Cracking Comprehension

## **Timestables**

Knowing all times tables is essential for end of Key Stage tests and is crucial if children are going to make excellent progress in our key stage.

We ask that all parents continue to practice and test times tables with their children to ensure fluency.

The website for children to practise is:

https://ttrockstars.com/login

### **Notices**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Year 6 will be going to watch a production of Bugsy Malone at Prestwich Arts College on Tuesday afternoon.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Party Day. Children can wear their own party clothes for the day to enjoy the festive fun!

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – School will be finishing early at 2pm and there will be no After-School Club . Please ensure that your child is picked up on time.

Could all parents and carers please ensure that children are coming to school with a suitable coat, especially as the winter months begin to set in and the weather gets colder and wetter.

#### General Reminders

- Please contact our school office with regards to places at after-school club.
- > Thank you to all parents who are parking sensibly before and after school, it helps to keep everyone safe!
- Chair of governors Eddie Roberts can be contacted by email <a href="mailto:chair@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk">chair@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk</a>
- Family engagement officer: Mrs J. Gallimore. Tel: 0161 795 4614