

# Term 1 Newsletter Year 6

**Welcome Back!** We hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready for your final year at St Leonard's.

Parents/guardians need to apply for secondary school places by **31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**. Look out for information about open days at the local schools to find out more about each one. Applications must be completed through the local council for where you live even if you are applying for a school in a different county. The link for applicants living in Oxfordshire is:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications/make-application>

We will be continuing to use Class Dojo to share what we have been learning in school.

**Topic for the term:** From source to mouth: how do rivers change shape?

Home learning is due in every **Thursday**:

1. Choose one activity from the menu to complete.
2. Read for at least 20 minutes EVERY DAY! Fluent reading is the key to success in year 6 and essential to being ready for secondary school. Reading before bed is a great way to wind down and studies show it has a positive impact on mental health.
3. Practise your skills on Times Tables Rockstars for 10 minutes every day

## Key Dates for the Term

**3<sup>rd</sup> September - 31<sup>st</sup> October** Apply for your child's secondary school place.

**6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September** Bikeability

**10<sup>th</sup> September** Swimming starts - children need a packed lunch

**17<sup>th</sup> September** Circus

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** BGN open evening

**30<sup>th</sup> September** NOA open evening

**6<sup>th</sup> October** Wykham Park open evening

**22<sup>nd</sup> October** End of term

**25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October** Half Term Holiday - school closed

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - INSET day - school closed to pupils

**8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November** - Stone Farm Residential Trip (year 5 and 6)

## PE and Sports News

Our PE days are:

**Thursday - Outdoor PE**

**Friday - Swimming**  
(see separate letter for details)

We are reintroducing PE kits this term. Please ensure you have a full PE kit in school every day. We understand that the children have most likely grown out of any PE kit they had before covid and that parents may need time to source the correct PE kit (red t-shirt, black shorts, black tracksuit and trainers). Therefore we politely request that all children have these items by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October

## **Suggested Books to Read in Term 1**

Looking for something to read? Try these books linked to our first topics in Geography and Science:

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Village by the Sea by Anita Desai

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Abbotson

Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

Ocean by Sean Callery

When Jessie Came Across the Sea by Amy Hest

Horrible Geography: Cracking Coasts by Anita Ganeri

Horrible Geography: Raging Rivers by Anita Ganeri

Horrible Science: Disgusting Digestion by Nick Arnold