



## Mersey Park Half Term Overview



### Spring 1

### Year 6

#### Writing

In our Writing lessons we will be reading 'The Lost Whale' by Hannah Gold.

We will explore the features of non-chronological reports.

Using this book as our stimulus, we will write a non-chronological report about whales.



#### Reading and Spelling

In our reading we will be continuing to work on VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Predication, Explanation, Retrieval and Sequencing) in our reading sessions.

We will also be working hard to improve our written answers to questions based on a text.

In spellings, we will continue to learn how to spell the words on the Year Five and Six spelling list.



#### Maths

In our maths lessons we will be identifying the value of each digit in numbers given to three decimal places.

We will also multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 giving answers up to three decimal places.

We will need to be able to recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages, including in different contexts.



#### Geography

In topic we will be learning about the key aspects of the physical and human geography of bodies of water including oceans, seas, rivers, lakes, canals, streams, brooks, reservoirs, ponds, glaciers, ice caps. We will also be investigating the impact rivers have had on settlement and trade. We will also explore the water cycle in greater detail.



**Key Vocabulary: source, mouth, tributary, delta, meander, river course, oxbow.**

#### Science

In science we will be learning all about Animals including Humans. Children will be able to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will be able to recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way the body functions. Also, they will be able to describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

**Key Vocabulary: blood vessels, capillaries, veins, arteries, ventricles.**

#### Personal Development

To help our Year Six children develop as well-rounded people who are ready for the world around them, we will look at 'Dreams and Goals' as part of our Jigsaw scheme of work. We will focus on how hard work and perseverance can help us to achieve our goals. In myHappyMind, we will explore the unit Appreciate. The children will explore the importance of giving gratitude to others. Our 'No Outsiders' book is called 'Leaf' and it is all about fears of the unknown and a lack of confidence to find out more. An assembly theme this half term will be the British Value Individual Liberty.

