

**Curriculum Overview :** We are kicking off the year with our topic, 'Fit for Life'. We will be asking questions such as: how does blood circulate around the body and how does the heart work? Through a range of science investigations and demonstrations, we will explore the importance of physical and mental health wellbeing, and the factors which may affect it.

## English :

We are studying the text, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf - a story written from a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense. This book deals with mature themes of separation and loss. Please come and see me if you have any questions. We will be writing a missing chapter focussing on setting, description and atmosphere and turning a section of the story into a playscript. In non-fiction, we will be researching biographies and writing our own about the scientist, William Harvey.

## Maths :

Maths will be focussed on place value this term. We will count, read, write and order numbers up to 10 000 000. We will then be able to identify the place value of a number, compare, order and round any number and learn about negative numbers.

With this knowledge of place value, we will recap multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. We will also begin weekly mixed arithmetic questions.

## Key Vocabulary :

circulatory system, valves, chambers, blood, heart, carbohydrates, protein, vitamins, minerals, nutrients. Place value, ten million, hundred thousand. Refugee, scientist, biography.

## Key Information:

PE day: Friday (come to school wearing your PE kit).

## Key Dates :

9<sup>th</sup> September: paramedic visit to support topic, 'Fit for Life'.

10<sup>th</sup> September: Kent Test

11<sup>th</sup> September at 15:15, meet the teacher.

14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> October: Kingswood PGL residential.

22<sup>nd</sup> October - Learning Landing Y6 classroom 14:50 - 15:10

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