

Welcome back to term 6! We hope you had a restful yet productive break.

This week in Year 6 we have been writing setting and character descriptions using expanded noun phrases. The children have all made excellent progress looking back at their books from September- they should be very proud!

In the afternoons, the class have been learning about South America (our new topic for this term) as well as exploring Japanese art- focusing on 'The Great Wave' by Hokusai. The masterpieces that have resulted from our art lessons are on their way home to you as soon as they are photographed and dry!

Next week we are looking forward to:

- Learning about the significance of Mardi Gras.
- Studying the artistic work of Joaquin Torres Garcia.
- Rehearsing the production.

#### Homework

Homework this week is art-focused. The children should each research an artist (local or national, alive or not) and write a biography about his/her life. They should also reproduce an example of their work using whatever medium they want- paint, material, crayons, pencils etc.

Homework this term will be based on other areas of the curriculum apart from English and maths. There will be elements of the core subjects, of course, but it is important to also develop scientific and creative skills as well before the children enter year 7. If you have any queries about this, please let me know!

Thank you for your support with this. If your child is unable to complete the homework for whatever reason, please let me know via a letter. Internet access is available at school for those who do not have it at home.

**The Year 6 team**