

Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to year six! It's hard to believe we are in the final year already! The children have come back ready to learn and are already immersed in the topic of Europe that will lead into the topic of World War II. This is a very exciting term and we continue to appreciate your support in all aspects of school life such as supporting your child with their homework. It can make a big impact on their progress and achievement. This term there will be a strong focus on the importance of being a good role model for the rest of the school and your child will be encouraged to take on extra responsibilities as the oldest members of our community.



We look forward to working with you this year to ensure the best progress for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo if you have any concerns.

As part of the World War II topic we will be covering aspects of geography and history. For example, geography will involve us learning about the countries in Europe and their specific geographical features. History will see us focusing on the consequences of war on people's daily lives and how people had to adapt e.g. rationing and evacuation. We find out more about children's lives from the 1940s.

In **English**, we will be looking in detail at a range of non-fiction texts to gain a better understanding of World War II. Our narrative writing will focus on creating stories with suspense and how to creatively balance dialogue with action and description. Additionally, we will be focusing on spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting lessons in preparation for the National Curriculum tests in the summer.



In **Maths**, the focus will be on securing the children's knowledge of calculating including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. We will develop our understanding of problem solving and reasoning.

In **Art**, we will be learning about perspective, depth and tone and how these can be achieved through careful

selection of materials. We will also be trying our hand at dying fabric using the 'Batik' method.

In **PSHE** we will be setting our goals for the year and focusing on our roles in the community. After half term, we will be looking at people with disabilities, discussing and celebrating differences.

In **Music** we will be learning some songs for Harvest and looking at composition using percussion.

For **Science**, the children will be studying electricity. They will explore how our understanding of electricity has changed over time, draw circuit diagrams using correct symbols and label the voltage correctly.

In the second half term we will move on to light and forces. They will also discover and develop their scientific enquiry skills through hands-on investigations.

Finally in **PE**, the children will be learning rugby skills and team building skills. There is a strong focus on good teamwork and the importance of a sporting attitude.

Please remember PE is every **Monday and Tuesday**. PE kits should consist of a P.E. top in the colour of their house, dark coloured jogging bottoms (for outside P.E sessions), black shorts, black plimsolls and trainers. Remember children should not wear jewellery during P.E; they must remove their earrings and, for safety reasons, have a hair band to tie up long hair.



Homework will still be sent out via Class Dojo on a Monday. The children will be tested on what they have been set to learn on the following Monday. Please ensure your child learns the spellings, tables and key facts set. Please discuss your child's wonder words with them.



It is important that your child reads regularly at home, ideally 15 minutes a day, as this forms part of their set homework. Please can you record what your child reads in their reading diary.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact us if you have any queries or questions.

Mrs Thomson, Mrs Keen and Miss Hancock