

Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dian Fossey Class



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 '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.

We look forward to working with you this year to ensure the best progress for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns and we are always available at the end of the day to answer any questions or you can contact us on 'Class Dojo'.

For the first time we have extended WWII to a whole term topic, as we will be covering aspects of geography and history through it. For example, geography will involve us learning about the countries in Europe and their capital cities, looking at the coast of Devon and how it was used to practise the D-Day landings. History will see us focusing on the consequences of war on daily lives and how people had to adapt e.g. rationing and evacuation. We find out more about children's lives from the 1940s. The children will also have the chance to show off their musical talent and sing a few of the popular songs from that era.



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. We hope to create pictures of landscapes using these new skills.

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

In **Music** we will be learning songs with a 'Happy' theme and developing our musical vocabulary.

For **Science**, the children will be studying evolution and inheritance. They will be thinking about how human beings evolved; researching famous scientists like Darwin and discovering what they found out, fossils and how animals adapt to their environment over time. In the second half term we will move on to light and forces. They will also discover through hands-on investigations through the development of their scientific enquiry skills.

Finally, in **PE**, the children will continue to work on their team games and develop their throwing and catching skills. There will be a strong focus on good teamwork and the importance of a sporting attitude.



Please remember to have P.E kits in school during the week. Children can bring dark coloured jogging bottoms for outside P.E sessions. Remember children should not wear jewellery in P.E sessions; they must remove their earrings and, for safety reasons, have a hair band to tie up long hair.

Homework will still be sent out on a Monday and will be expected back on Monday.

It is also important that your child reads regularly at home, ideally 15 minutes a day, as this forms part of their set homework. There will be maths and English homework weekly alongside any topic work set. We would also like children to learn any spellings set and continue to practise all their times tables.

The children will also have a home-school book for communication and to record reading. Please encourage your child to write in notes about what they have read at home.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day if you have any questions or worries.

Mrs Keen and Mrs Thomson