

Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

2020

Evelyn Dunbar 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 and your children will be encouraged to take on extra responsibility 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.

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.



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 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 some songs for Harvest and looking at body percussion.

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 and develop their scientific enquiry skills through hands-on investigations.

Finally, in **PE**, the children will continue to work on their team games through football this term and tag rugby after the October half term. 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 for a half term. Children **MUST** bring dark coloured jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for outside P.E sessions - most PE will take place outside for the foreseeable future. Remember children should not wear jewellery in P.E sessions; they must remove their earrings and, for safety reasons, have a 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. If practise has not taken place at home children will be required to stay in at lunchtime for a short practise session. You can also send photos of your child's homework to us via Class Dojo for extra house points!

It is important that your child reads regularly at home, ideally 15 minutes a day, as this forms part of their set homework. You or your child need to record this in their reading diary as this will be checked daily.

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

Mrs Rouse, Mrs Champion and Mrs Keen