

Year 6

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you all had a great summer break and have had lots of fun as well as a rest. It has been lovely to see the children settling into their new classes and catching up with all their news from the holidays.

The children have already begun an exciting new topic: 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. As always, our topic has had an exciting 'Big Bang' where the children planned their very own Great Escape from school complete with tunnels and escape route maps! They are also looking forward to the Climbing Tower arriving on the school site this week. Throughout the term we will continue the theme with other exciting activities. Our learning journey will also take us back in time to discover more about life during World War II.

Both classes have spent time thinking about our school values and the way in which they can all help to make Y6 a successful year. These expectations will be reinforced by all the opportunities the children will be given this year.

If you are able to support the children's learning in school in any way, please come and talk to us or leave a message at the school office - we would be delighted to see you.

The Year 6 Team

REMINDERS

It is important that children get into the habit of handing homework in on time. Your support with this would be much appreciated. Our homework is handed out on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to complete the task to a high standard. This includes regular reading and times tables practise.

Please could you make sure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school - children will need shorts/tracksuit trousers, a white t-shirt, red sweatshirt and trainers. Children are encouraged to bring their P.E. kit into school on Monday and take it home on Friday. If your child is not able to take part in P.E. on a particular occasion, please send in a letter with them.

Equipment

If children wish, they can bring a *small* pencil case into school. A handwriting pen (if they have a pen licence), pencil, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener and coloured pencils are all very useful items.

Children are also encouraged to bring in a named water bottle which they can keep in the classroom.

If you have anything which you need to talk to us about, you can pass a message via the office, either in person or by telephone and we are normally available in classrooms after school.

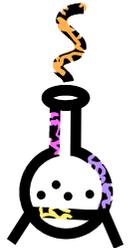
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NEWSLETTER

Helping your child

<p>English</p> 	<p>In English this term we will be focussing our learning around the book Goodnight Mister Tom. We will focus on reports & diary entries as well as the fiction genre of rags to riches. Later in the year we will look at Shakespeare and fairy story versions that have been given a twist to their traditional structure.</p> <p>Regular grammar lessons will include the use of the active and passive voice, using complex sentences, the use of inverted commas and correct paragraphing. Spelling will be taught using the 'No Nonsense' Spelling scheme. This teaches rules and words that are in line with National Curriculum expectations.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In Mathematics, we are covering many number skills including: place value; accurate recall of times tables and related division facts; securing methods used for all four operations and properties of numbers including factors and multiples. Later in the term we will investigate properties of shapes and explore different ways of handling data. The children will apply much of their learning to problem solving making links with real life uses of maths.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>This term's Science focuses on Light and Electricity. Children will develop their vocabulary and investigative skills through these areas. If you have access to the internet, your child might like to look at the revision materials on: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/</p>

<p>R.E.</p> 	<p>Pupils will make connections, consider similarities and differences between beliefs and faiths as they answer the key question of What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa (harmlessness), Grace, and Ummah (community)?</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Children will be working on a unit centred around the 'Hip Hop' genre of music. In term 2 the focus changes to Christmas with songs for the annual Christmas play.</p>
<p>Towers, Tunnels & Turrets— Creative Curriculum</p> 	<p>The children will learn about World War II from various perspectives. This includes the Home Front, Battle of Britain, The Normandy Landings and life during the war. We will also be asking the children to think in different ways that involve the use of De Bono's thinking hats. The children will be given the opportunity to carry out research about an aspect of the period that is of particular interest to them.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Being Me In My World includes a wide range of topics, a sense of belonging, welcoming others and being part of a school community, a wider community, and a global community; it also looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others, and pupil voice. Celebrating Difference focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict; children learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference'.</p>
<p>French</p> 	<p>Both classes will receive a weekly 30 minute French lesson focussing on simple vocabulary and conversations.</p>

Days to remember

P.E. takes place on the following days:

Class 13 –Tuesday and Thursday

Class 14– Tuesday and Thursday

Please remind your child to have their kit in school. This means a change of clothing and footwear.

Homework is given out on Friday and is due back in on the following Thursday.

Please encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings and to complete the homework tasks to the best of their ability. It would be really helpful if your child could continue to read regularly at home and spend some time discussing what they have read with you. This will really help development in all aspects of literacy. Children should also keep their reading log up to date by recording each time they read.

