

Year 6 Tilly's Class

Autumn Term Newsletter



September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all enjoyed your summer holiday and had a good rest. It's been wonderful to see the children again, and I am really looking forward to getting to know them in their final year of primary school. It is going to be a challenging but exciting year for everyone, and I am sure it will also be lots of fun as well.

The teachers in year 6 this year will be myself and Alicia.

English

This term in English we will be focussing on the text **War Horse** by **Michael Morpurgo** and much of our writing will be in response to this fantastic book. We will also be exploring Black History, recounts, biographies and autobiographies, newspaper reports, war poetry and plenty more! As we are starting to think about SATs and the end of Key Stage 2 assessment next year, we will be expecting the children to take great pride in their writing and actively trying to include any new and impressive vocabulary that they are encountering from their reading.



Maths

This year in maths will continue to develop our maths mastery skills and we look forward to seeing the children deepen their knowledge and understanding of what they have previously learned. This term we will be looking at place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions.

Reading

As well as the children having extra time to read for pleasure, in Year 6 a lot of the reading lessons will focus on SATs related skills. By also allowing some quiet time in which children can read what they want, we hope to develop their reading for pleasure. We have a great selection of books and a welcoming, comfortable reading area for the children to take full advantage of. As the children will be largely responsible for their own reading books, any extra encouragement for them to change books regularly would be hugely appreciated. Children will be provided with reading journals where they will be expected to record what they have read and complete weekly tasks.



Homework

The children will be pleased to know that they will continue with weekly homework. This year it is really important that they complete the homework that has been set each week by the given deadline because it will help them to sharpen the skills they need for their SATs. If they can't do the homework for technical reasons, then let us know and we can arrange to lend them a device. If there is anything they don't understand then please encourage them to let an adult know so that we can go over it again in class. On IXL tasks, they must complete at least **30 minutes** on each activity, unless they get to **100 points** first. **Homework Tasks can be found on Google Classroom every Monday.**



Topic

Our topic for this term will be **World War One**, which I know many children are excited about. This topic will be history-based, but we will also be exploring the geography of some of the events and how it impacted Britain and the rest of the world.

Trips

We have several of trips to look forward to this term; firstly we have a wonderful theatre trip to watch **The Lion King** on the **13th of September**. Next, we have two trips with **Into University**. These will take place on **20th** and **22nd September**. In addition, we have a trip to the **London Nautical school** on the **28th of September** to participate in a poetry workshop. And finally, we have a trip booked for the **17th October** at the **Imperial War Museum** to learn more about our history topic – World War 1.

PE

The children will be doing **PE** every **Tuesday and Thursday** with Billy and dance on a **Wednesday afternoon** with Emanuela. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct PE kit (**green or white t-shirt**), and PE shorts, leggings/jogging bottoms, as well as a water bottle. Water bottles can be bought from the school office.



Secondary School Applications

A meeting regarding the secondary school application process will be held by Andrew next Tuesday 12th September at 5pm (in the Year 6 classroom). In this meeting we will also talk about the school journey residential we have planned for the class in June 2024.

That is all the key information for now, but any new information will be provided in the weekly newsletters. If you have any questions, queries or concerns about anything at all then please feel free to speak to me before or after school.

If you need to contact me regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please email me at twilliams@wtwschool.co.uk

Any urgent messages that need to be dealt with on the same day must be telephoned through to the school office, as I may not access my emails during the school day.

Many thanks

Tilly