

Welcome to Year 6!

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a wonderful summer. The children have certainly come back full of energy and enthusiasm! We have settled straight into our learning and it has been a very positive first few days back.

This newsletter will give you an overview of the Autumn Term. Please make sure you continue to check the weekly newsletters as key dates are often added through the term.

Key dates

The children have PE on Tuesday and Friday this year. Please ensure the children have a green tee shirt to change into on these days. Otherwise, they have to get changed into the ones we have in school – they really don't like this!

Thursday 17th September, 9am – Year 6 coffee morning and Secondary Transition information.

Friday 25th September – International Day Event

Wednesday 7th October – Imperial War Museum Trip (documentary-making workshop)

Monday 12th – Friday 16th October – Parents' Evenings

English

This term in English we will be focusing on the text *War Horse* by **Michael Morpurgo** and much of our writing will be in response to this fantastic book. We will write across a range of genres as well as learning lots of specific grammatical terms.

As we are starting to think about SATs (the statutory end of KS2 assessments) we will be expecting the children to take great pride in their writing and actively try to include any new and impressive vocabulary they have encountered in their reading.

Maths

The children will continue to take part in daily maths lessons which will follow the 'Calculate, Apply, Think' model. As well as this, they will have an additional arithmetic lesson each week. This should support their mathematical fluency as well as preparing them for the arithmetic SATs paper. The children will have access to a maths teacher/ tutor to support them with their arithmetic skills where needed.

Reading

The children should have a novel which they are reading in school at all times. We have a huge library of books but if anyone wants to bring an appropriate book from home, that is fine too. We will do daily reading lessons which focus on the key comprehension skills of vocabulary, retrieval, inference and summarising. The children have reading journals which we encourage them to write in regularly as homework tasks.

History and Geography

Our topic this term is 'Britain at War'. It is a stimulating topic which studies different aspects of WWI and WW2 including the causes, consequences and what life was like in Britain at the time.

Wider curriculum

- Science: Light and Electricity, focusing on key scientists and concepts.
- R.E: Christianity and Buddhism, specifically Christian festivals and the teaching of the Buddha.
- Computing: Staying safe online
- Art: Pop Art, with a focus on Andy Warhol, Julian Opie and Alex Katz
- D.T: Creating structures and learning to stitch.

Homework

Homework will be set each Friday (starting from 11th September) on Google Classroom. Children will have 3 pieces to complete each week. There will be one reading journal task, one English task and one maths task on IXL.

It is really important that the children start to prepare for life in secondary school. This means that they must complete all pieces of homework every week. If for any reason they are unable to do so, please let us know before the deadline.

Finally....

Year 6 is a great year for the children; it is challenging but always offers many of the most rewarding moments of primary school. If you have any questions about the children's wellbeing or learning, please email us: connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk or twilliams@wtwschool.co.uk.

Thanks,

The Year 6 team.