

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter



Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an exciting and busy summer and we are now ready and eager to meet the challenges of the new academic year. We would like to keep you informed of the events, activities and topics we hope to cover this term.

WOW day: On **Monday 17th September**, we will be having a World War Two day. Children are welcome to dress up on this day to represent any aspect of World War Two, for example, an evacuee, a soldier, Winston Churchill etc. On this day we envisage doing many activities including art and drama.

Trip this term: We will be visiting The Imperial War Museum on **Friday 5th October**. Please look out for more information.

Maths: We will be following the objectives set out in The National Primary Curriculum 2014: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum> Throughout the term, they will continue to build upon their learning through consolidating all areas of the curriculum including place value and written methods. We will be preparing children for the upcoming SATs and will continue to focus on developing speed and accuracy in their mental maths skills and reasoning of problem-solving.

Children will be given a login and can practise their multiplication tables on this site. An app can be downloaded onto tablets and phones. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

English: We will continue to improve our skills of comprehension by inferring and finding evidence from the text to support our answers. We will focus on grammar by selecting precise vocabulary and manipulating grammar structures using a range of punctuation. Our Literacy lessons this term will be based around 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and 'The Hobbit'. Children will also continue to develop their continuous cursive style of handwriting and their spelling strategies. Spellings will be sent home weekly and will need to be practised ready for their spelling tests on Mondays.



Please ensure children read every evening at home and have their reading records filled in by an adult. These will be checked on a daily basis.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

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Science: This term we will become Biologists and explore living organisms. Children will have the opportunity to look through microscopes and find out more about cells, micro-organisms and processes, for example, photosynthesis. After half term we will be doing chemistry and investigate states of matter and how these change.

Computing: Children will be planning how to create a mobile app in the first half of the term. They will then create their app using software.



R.E: For Religious Education our Christianity topic is 'Creation' and we will also be looking at Buddhism.



History: As Historians, we will be exploring World War 2 and explore evacuation, shelters, propaganda and key people for example, Winston Churchill and Hitler.

Art and DT: As part of our History topic children will be expected to design and create air raid shelters. They will be using various materials which can be brought from home, for example, cardboard, corrugated card and empty egg boxes. They will be evaluating the structural effectiveness. Later in the term children will have the opportunity to work with Mod Roc to create a design for a specific purpose.



P.E: For our PE session we will continue with our indoor and outdoor physical activity and build on the skills learnt in year 5. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school. PE sessions will take place on Wednesday and Friday each week.

Music: For music children will learn the skill of listening to and appraising music. Children will have the opportunity to listen to a wide genre of music.

Homework: Just a reminder that homework for Maths and Literacy, is given out every Thursday and expected in on the following Tuesday. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete this in full and on time. The children **must read every day at home for at least 20 minutes**. They have a reading record which needs to be completed daily by an adult. We appreciate, that at this age, children may not read aloud to somebody at home. Please still encourage them to do so and monitor their interest in reading books. It helps to discuss the book's main theme and ask some questions about the story. In

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year 6, children tend to read longer novels; therefore, they will not need to change their book each week. However, the length of time it takes a pupil to read one book will be monitored.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for all of your support. We will notify you very soon about Achievement school (which takes place on Saturdays) as well as various after school booster sessions. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any concerns or questions. For appointments, please speak to the school office, but for any quick queries feel free to approach one of us at the end of the school day. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year with year 6.

Yours sincerely,

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