

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. The teaching team in Year 6 is Alicia, Maryann and myself.

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

P.E (Tues) and Dance (Weds) will take place every week. 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 19th September, 9am – Year 6 coffee morning and Secondary Transition information.

Friday 20th September – Trip to the Royal Academy of Arts

Friday 27th September – International Day Event and Class Assembly

Thursday 3rd October – Trip to the Houses of Parliament

Tuesday 22nd/Wednesday 23rd October – Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 20th November – Documentary making at the Imperial War Museum

Wednesday 18th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Show

Literacy

This term in Literacy 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. Rebecca (our maths tutor) will be in on Tuesdays to support the children in this area.

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.

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. It is a fascinating area of history and geography.

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: Digital Literacy and staying safe in the online world.
- 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 13th 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 me know before the deadline.

Finally.....

I am really looking forward to working with the children again. It was great to have so much support from you all last year. As always, please catch me at the end of the day (once I have seen the children off safely) or via e-mail on connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk if you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning.

Thank you!

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