

Year 6 Autumn 1 Curriculum Letter

A big, warm welcome to Year 6!

The Year 6 team is looking forward to an exciting year of learning with the children, filled with opportunities for them to develop all aspects of their learning across the curriculum. Learning in Year 6 continues to follow the topic led format and we cannot wait to share with the children, and you, the learning throughout the year. Have a very happy and restful summer holiday and we look forward to getting the Year 6 adventure started with you in September.

Secret Spitfires – Autumn 1 Topic

This topic allows children to investigate life in World War 2 Southampton and the role the South had in war. Taking the Battle of Britain as a significant turning point in British history - children will be using maps, first-hand accounts, images and film to develop their knowledge of WW2, focusing on the world famous Spitfire and its connection with Southampton. As historians, children will begin to question the sources that they use and look at reliability and bias when using historical sources.

In literacy, children will be composing texts which inform their readers about the Spitfire and will also write a first person narrative from the point of view of a pilot.

The outcome for this topic will be a themed sharing event on **Thursday 24th October** where children will have the opportunity to present their learning to parents and Grandparents. Children are asked to dress up on this day. More details about this event will follow nearer the time.

Citizenship JETT

Autumn term sees the whole school focus on Citizenship JETT. What does it mean to be a good citizen? How can we make sure we are developing skills of citizenship in the classroom? Year 6 will be focusing on being citizens of the world. They will be reflecting on how the choices they make can have an impact on the wider world around them and how to ensure the impact is a positive one.

Parent Helpers

Do you have any spare time during school hours to help with reading or times table practise?

The year 6 team would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their time to help the children.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help.

Year 6 Common Room

Our Year 6 children have the opportunity to use our new 'Year 6 Common Room'. The children have had a say on transition day (they dream big!) in what they would like in the room and we hope to transform it into a place for relaxation. If you have any old cushions/bean bags etc that you would be happy to donate to this room please let your class teacher know.

Homework

This year we would like children to spend time at home continuing to develop their basic skills. Each week children are asked to complete the following:

SPELLINGS – The new curriculum words for this half term are: *Symbol community conscious individual attached Committee cemetery available sufficient aggressive Government parliament soldier system sacrifice*

Please encourage the children to learn these spellings over the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week before half term. The children will be introduced to these in their spelling lessons and investigate the meaning of each word.

READING – Children should be reading at home at least four times per week and should be recording their reading reflections in their logs. We have discussed with the children how to reflect after reading using their reading skills of retrieval, inference, prediction, choices, organisation, comparison and meaning. Reading reflections will be checked by class teachers every week.

TIMES TABLES – Children are expected to revise and learn new times tables each week using the Times table Rock Stars website. All children have been reminded of their log in details. Times table tests will take place every Friday. Please see your child's class teacher if you do not have access to this website.

France

A tour through the tunnels at Vimy Ridge War Memorial, a chance to experience the Musée du Débarquement, an afternoon exploring the stunning Mont Saint Michel and tutorials in how to make the perfect French crepe – what is not to get excited about!? The France residential is nearly upon us!

On **Monday 9th September** at **5.30 pm** there will be a France information evening for parents in the Junior school hall. Information including timings, kit lists, itinerary, excursions and the chance to ask questions about the trip in general will all be addressed.

If your child is not going to France look out for a letter about the experiences your child will be offered in the first week back.

Key dates Autumn 1

4/9/19 – WW2 dress up hook day

9/9/19 – France information evening 5.30 pm

23/9/19 – 27/10/19 France residential

3/10/19 – Whole School Curriculum evening and meet the teacher.

Week beginning 21/10/18 – spelling test

24/10/18 - WW2 dress up/presentations – further details to follow.

We are looking forward to working with you this year!

The Year 6 Team.

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