

Autumn Term One, Year 6

Welcome from
Phase Lead

It has been wonderful to welcome back the children, who clearly have a lot of motivation and enthusiasm for the upcoming 8-week half-term! We are really excited to begin our interesting lessons, thrilling activities, and limitless chances to succeed.

Our new History themed topic if 'Was World War Two Necessary' will undoubtedly ensure that the children will leave school each day with new and intriguing information.
Mrs Kane

We are
reading

A small corner of a lost Creation
**The Boy
in the
Striped
Pyjamas**

JOHN BOYNE

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

English

This term, we are starting our writing journey off with Poetry. With Remembrance day approaching, the children will explore poetry features and apply them to their own poems written from a soldier's point of view. This historical writing task will support the children's understanding of life in world war 2. We will then move onto a narrative focus. The children will use their knowledge of the text *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* to explore different writing features. Each week will start with a SPaG focus and incorporate it into our high level, descriptive writing.

Maths

In Maths, Year 6 are starting the new half term by exploring their previous knowledge of fractions. They will be developing and building upon what they know by learning how to apply their calculation skills to fractions. From simplifying them to identify how mixed and improper fractions can convert, the children will undoubtedly build a bank of rich knowledge! The children will continue to have afternoon sessions which will focus on arithmetic, number fluency and reasoning.

Science

In Year 6, we are starting our half termly Science learning by exploring light. We will dive deep into the origins of light, various light sources and how our eyes work. The year group will re-visit their prior knowledge and incorporate new learning. New terminology such as refraction, retina, cornea and iris, which will soon become words that the children can easily explain and experiment with!

History

Our new topic 'Was World War Two necessary?' will not only allow the children to explore new learning but gives the opportunity to share, discuss and enquire about the prior knowledge they already have. The children will learn what causes WW2, who was a part of it and how it directly impacted Britain and take a look at who Alan Turing was. The children will apply their enquiry skills to explore topics such as propaganda as well as comparing how these events are still relevant and prevalent today.

DT

Our Art lessons this half term require the children to really explore, practise and refine the skill of sewing. The children will draw upon all of their previous years of sewing in order to create their very own teddy bears. From designing and drawing a pattern, to joining fabrics using their various stitches. The designs and fabrics used will be based on sentimental and momentous times of the past. These fabrics could be football shirts or blankets from when the children were younger.

Music/Spanish

Our weekly lessons will cover:

Music

- Singing 'White Cliffs of Dover'
- Exploring 'Sing for Victory'
- Learning how to pitch up
- Identifying how to harmonise

Spanish

The children will learn to understand and say some nouns for rooms in a house.

In addition to this, they will learn to read and pronounce objects in the house

PSHE

Our weekly lessons will cover:

- Celebrating difference
- How children are similar and different to others
- Friendship
- Bullying

Computing

Our weekly lessons will cover:

- Computing systems and networks
- Communication and collaboration
- Creating media – Web page creation
- Programming
- Variables in games
- Data and information
- Introduction to Spreadsheets
- Creating media
- 3D Modelling

PE

As you are aware, Year 6 PE lessons are on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Mr McAndrew teaches the classes football and our newest member of the team, Mr J, teaches Handball

Please ensure your child has appropriate PE kits which correct training footwear.