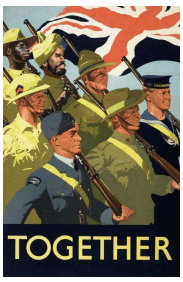
Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1







Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to have the privilege of working with your children. There are so many important and exciting milestones that will be happening for your child this year; we have no doubt that it will be fantastic! The Year 6 team consists of: Mr Griffiths, Mrs Baker, Nina and Rita.

The following is an overview of what your child will be taught in the first half of the Autumn term, as well as general timetabling information.

In **English**, our first novel will be “Goodnight Mr Tom" by Michelle Magorian. We will be investigating the book together. Some of the genres we will be writing this term include a diary entry, a persuasive letter, description, and a short story. We will also be focusing on key grammar and punctuation skills. A big focus this year will be on spelling. **In order to ensure the children are improving their spelling, tests will happen every Friday – please practice the weekly spellings with your child.**

We will be continuing our **Reading** program: Destination Reader. We would like you to discuss the key skills of reading with your children (predicting, making connections, asking questions, evaluating, inferring, summarising and clarifying.) Your child will have the opportunity to take home a reading book each week.

Our **Maths** focus this half-term will include: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be solving word problems, developing our ability to explain and check our working out. We will also be taking part in several math investigations. Children will be practicing mental math strategies and arithmetic. **We will have an arithmetic test every Thursday.**

Our **History** topic will be **World War 2**. We will be learning about the experiences of child evacuees as a result of The Blitz and the experience of Jewish people in concentration camps. We will also discuss how the war started in 1939 and the key events that took place up to the end of the war in 1945.

In **Science**, our topic will be about **Electricity**. We will learn to compare and give reasons for variations in how components function and use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

In **DT**, we will be learning how to build a product with a cam mechanism and to explain how cams work. Children will be thinking about how the shift to online shopping has had a significant impact on instore shopping. Their task is to create a mechanical window display to help encourage shoppers to enter the store.

Our overarching question in **Religion** this term is: "What might the journey of life and death look like from a Christian perspective?". In this unit the children will be exploring the stages of life. They will also investigate beliefs about life and life after death, and we will be encouraging them to reflect on and express their hopes for the future.

Physical Education will be on **Thursday afternoon.** This term, our topic is orienteering and adventurous activities. Physical education will take place outside this term (unless raining), please ensure your child comes to school in the correct kit on this day. The PE sessions will be led by our sports coach.

In **French** this half-term, Year 6 will be learning how to speak and write about sport and the Olympics. The children will be focussing on pronouncing the name of a sport accurately and confidently. They will use the verbs jouer and faire correctly with different sports. They will also develop the ability to construct simple sentences to say whether or not they play a sport.

Finally, in **Music** children will be exploring rhythm and melody through singing, movement and dance. In our World Unite unit they will take a trip around the world to celebrate the universal language of music.

Homework has been set for the half term and will focus on literacy work with a list of spellings that will be tested every Friday afternoon. We ask that all children complete a homework project and bring them into school for the last week of term so we can share your creations. This half term we would like to see some 3D work on World War 2. In addition to this, your child will be expected to read for **15-20 minutes every night and spend 20 minutes across the week on TTRS**. We will also be setting a weekly optional homework task for Maths and Grammar every Thursday on Teams.

We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us, we will always be on the gate at home time to meet you.

Kind regards,

Mr. Griffiths, Ms Baker, Rita and Nina

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