



Year 6 Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone after the Summer holidays! In Year 6, we have many exciting things lined up for our learning. With History as the main driver, our cross-curricular topic is 'Britain at War'. This topic teaches the children about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period.



English

We will be reading *There's a boy in the girl's bathroom* - It tells the story of Bradley Chalkers who tells lies. He's been to the White House. (He hasn't.) He likes to eat dog food. (He doesn't.) His only friends are toy animals. (Well actually....). No one likes Bradley. No one that is, except the new boy Jeff, and the school counsellor, Carla. They appreciate his far-fetched stories. They think he's kind and generous. If only Bradley felt the same way. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.

In our writing: We will be studying *War Horse* written by Michael Morpurgo. We will be learning to infer information from the text about a character and write from another characters point of view. Research and take effective notes, plan and write a story.

After half term we will be studying *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be learning to write non-chronological reports, using drama to understand different viewpoints and writing a balanced argument.



Maths - Speed and accuracy of calculations is our focus throughout the autumn term. We will work on the rapid recall of our multiplication tables and the associated division facts, which will help the children in all areas of maths. Problem solving strategies, will be built upon, with the problems becoming increasingly challenging. We will continue to explore patterns and the relationships between different strands in maths.



Topic - Britain at War.

During our topic, we will be looking at 'What is War'? Weapons used in World War 1 & 2, Life in the trenches, key events of WW1 & 2. The impact of the both World Wars on British citizens. Remembrance and Post War Britain.



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RE - We will begin the academic year with the Domestic Church - To know and understand the love and care of people and that God's love is unconditional and never ending. We then move onto Belonging - To know and understand commitment in life. We then conclude the autumn term with Advent - To know and understand the meaning of expectation.

PSHE - In term 1 - 'Being me in my World' which looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others, and pupil voice. In term 2 - 'Celebrating Difference' focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict. Resilience and resourcefulness will explore the challenges that we face and how to overcome them. This will underpin all of our learning.

Science - We will be learning about '**Changing Circuits**' and '**Seeing Light**'. We will be learning to associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram. To recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

PE - For this term, we will be swimming on a Monday morning and a PE lesson on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child has kit appropriate for both indoor/outdoor sessions. Also, as the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and a hoodie/sweatshirt to keep them warm. In the interest of safety, children with earrings will be **expected** to remove them.

Computing - Teach Computing - we will be learning about the World Wide Web as a communication tool. We will develop their knowledge and understanding of using a computer to produce 3D models.

Music - Charanga Musical School - All the learning in the first unit is focused around one song: Happy, a Pop song by Pharrell Williams. After half term we will be look at Bacharach Anorak and Meet The Blues.

Homework The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows: Read - Encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help with their comprehension and give them ideas for their own writing (daily). Practise spellings (daily), Times table practise (daily), Mathematics task/activity (weekly), English task/activity (weekly). There may also be topic/RE each half term.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back for an exciting and busy year ahead.
Mrs Wilson and Miss Scarth.