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How can you help your child?

The children will get homework most weeks. This homework is important as it gives them the opportunity to practise what they have learned in school.

Complete homework neatly and hand it in on time.

Each week, the children will bring a set of spellings from the Year 5 and 6 list to practise at home. There will be a weekly spelling test which will take place on a Thursday.

Please try to ensure that your child:

- Is at school, on time, for the start of school each day,
- Has the correct school uniform and P.E kit,
- Brings their reading book and journal into school each day.

Encourage them to do their best in every lesson and work as hard as possible!
Try to hear your child read as much as possible and sign their reading journal each time.

Members of staff

- ☒ Miss Ash (Class teacher)
- ☒ Mr Cocker (Class teacher)
- ☒ Mrs Poole and Miss Lisseman
- ☒ Mrs Tolley and Mrs Jones

Year 6 Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a lovely summer break.

Year 6 is a vital year in your child's education. This leaflet is designed to offer information about what your child will be learning this year and how you can help to support your child's learning at home.

We have included information about what we will be covering in Year 6, across all subjects, during our first term. We also hope this will give you an insight into what kind of things your child will be learning and how they will be further developing their skills.

In the coming year your child will be sitting the SATs papers and therefore much time will be spent preparing them for these tests in order to enable them to attain the best possible outcome for them. Your child will receive homework weekly as well as their spellings to learn for weekly tests and their reading books which should be read as much as possible.

We believe homework should:

- Develop reading skills
- Encourage your child's speaking and listening skills
- Develop and consolidate key mental mathematic skills
- Provide opportunities for you to discuss topics with your children
- Encourage children to learn outside of the classroom

English

The children will continue to develop their comprehension skills in reading – using inference and deduction to answer questions about the text. They will discuss the language and structural features of books – considering how authors use language to create effect and the differences and similarities between text types.

In writing activities, the children will be working extremely hard to improve the skills they need to write interestingly and successfully in different genres. They will be encouraged to: use powerful vocabulary and complex punctuation; write complex sentences using varying clause structures and a range of cohesive devices.

Theme

The theme for this term will be 'Blitz and Pieces'. The children will learn about the factors that led to the start of the war and find out about the countries that were involved.

We will research life during World War 2 and how key events changed the British way of life, look at the factors to why war broke out and how evacuees felt, the home front, the impact of rationing and the Blitz.

Children will be using map skills to locate countries, carry out DT and artwork centred on the home front and explore chronology when using timelines to look at how the events of the war unfolded.

Science

In science this term we will be studying light. They will be able to:

- Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines and use this to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light to the eye,
- Explain that we see things because light travels from sources, to objects, to our eyes,
- Explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

They will plan enquiries, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary; take measurements with increasing accuracy and precision and use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.

Music

This year we are working with Junior Jam. The children will be learning how to create beats using software on iPads. They will learn to understand the technical language involved with music and will work towards creating their own piece of music.

Useful Websites:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools

www.mathszone.co.uk

www.ict.games.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/

www.studychamps.com/interactive-activities/english-interactive

www.grammar-monster.com/

Maths

The children will continue to develop calculation skills and use these to solve multi-step problems – choosing the appropriate operation and method. They will work with fractions, decimals, percentages, negative numbers and integers to 10,000,000.

The children will learn how to: convert between standard units of measure; find missing angles in triangles and on straight lines; describe positions on the full coordinate grid and draw and translate simple shapes and interpret pie charts and line graphs.

P.E

In PE we will be focusing on developing children's ball handling skills and reactions by looking at different sports such as hand tennis.

Don't Forget...

The Library is free and a fantastic resource. Our nearest library is: Snow Hill, City Centre, Wolverhampton WV1 3AX

Spelling tests are every Thursday.

PE kits must be in school every:

Thursday morning for 6AA and

Wednesday morning for 6DC.

Homework will be handed out on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday.

Reading journals should be signed 3 times per book.