

WELCOME TO YEAR 6.....

AUTUMN TERM TOPIC LETTER

The final year begins! Firstly, I just wanted to say how much I am looking forward to teaching this class in a hopefully normal year. During the week, I will have Mrs Flowers in class on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Simpson will teach them on a Tuesday afternoon during my PPA, Mrs Flowers and Mrs Fairclough will teach them Wednesday morning during management time and Sports Partnership this year is a Thursday morning.

What are we doing this term?

LITERACY - We will look at biographies and autobiographies of famous people who have influenced and made an impact – particularly women. We are going to look at formal letter writing. This will all be centred on our geography topic of climate change. We will then move on to looking at journalistic writing and argument with much of our writing based on our World War 2 topic. Some of our guided reading and writing will be based on our fantastic class reader “Goodnight Mister Tom”. In addition to this we will be looking at texts relating to climate change and analysing the style of writing as well answering comprehension question for it.

NUMERACY - We will start by looking at place value, in particular, decimals. We will then move on to looking at the 4 rules addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, both mental and written methods. We will also look at finding areas of unusual shapes and drawing angles. Times table knowledge is essential for all areas of numeracy and any help you could give your child practicing their tables at home would be of great help to them. (Maths is all about confidence! knowledge of number facts helps breed confidence.)

Science – We are studying Evolution and inheritance, adaption, survival of the fittest and passing on of traits. We will then look at light- exploring the way light behaves including light sources, reflection and shadows.

History – Much of our Art, DT and music work will be linked to our World War 2 topic. We will be looking at the lives of evacuees.

Geography – climate change – the effect on people, land and sea. Looking into rising sea levels and the melting ice caps. Project work based around an area of climate change.

Music – We are exploring rhythm and melody in singing, movement and dance. We will learn some famous songs from the WW2 era that Mr Tom might have sung.

Computing – We are developing digital research skills (into climate change). We are using the internet to aid our history and science research. With the ICT suit out of bounds currently we will look to utilise iPads for purple mash use on data handling and multi-media purposes.

ART – Firstly, we are looking at Klimt and pointillism and creating pieces of art for our school displays. Secondly, collage. Making things from recyclable materials – creating pieces of art from different plastics. We will also look at painting inspired by music.

DT – Later in the term we will test out our sewing skills creating some hopefully festive creations.

PE - We are looking at teamwork and tactical awareness. This term we will look at how this can be achieved in hockey. The children will be looking at OAA with the Sports Partnership coaches.

PE will be on a Thursday and Friday. Children should have normal PE kit (black pumps for indoor; trainers for outdoor) but could also have a tracksuit for cool days.

RE – We will be studying “Life as a journey” and will be looking at the symbolism of ADVENT.

Spanish – Continue from where they ended Y5 – not from Y5 curriculum as it was introduced only last year.

PSHE – We begin our jigsaw work the with topic ‘Being me in my world’. This explores what we know of ourselves and how we can challenge our capabilities and stretch ourselves and discover self-worth. Second half term we move onto ‘celebrating differences’. Thinking about how other people’s strengths should be celebrated and how we are all unique and have different qualities.

GROWTH MINDSET – We will have regular discussions about how we learn in different ways and how to help ourselves to achieve our very best. We learn about our brain and how we can train our brain for success.

Homework

As in previous years, the children will receive homework every week on a **Friday**. This will include learning times tables using TT Rockstars, maths sheets, grammar exercises and regular reading. This should be handed in on a **Thursday**. Children will occasionally be set extra challenges which are optional.

Home Reading

We are very grateful for the support we get from parents with reading. You really make a tremendous difference. In Year 6, the emphasis is particularly on comprehension. I would be grateful if you could continually question your child about the story and discuss the meanings of words. There is a big push on vocabulary at the moment. Please, from time to time, could you use the reading record book to comment on your child's understanding and fluency, particularly at the end of the book. Children can of course fill in the record themselves when they are reading on their own but it needs to be signed by an adult a minimum of twice a week. Children should aim to read every day and be heard by an adult at least TWICE. If not, they tend to skip over tricky words and this is where we can enrich their vocabulary.

If you have any questions about anything during the year please message me on Dojo – I will get back to you ASAP. I will do whatever I can to ensure your children have the best year possible and come out of it knowing they have achieved their very best.

Mr Skinner.

Useful Websites/apps for children

TT Rockstars- We use this regularly in school and it is a fun and different way for the children to practise and perfect their tables. They can even challenge Mrs Flowers or myself in class!

Hit the Button-<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> A great site for practising times tables, divisions, doubles, number bonds to 20 100 etc. and square numbers.

ICT Games- doubles cards

Our school mathematics calculations Policy – See School website

SATS PAPERS to view- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-tests-2018-mathematics-test-materials>

OR <http://www.satspapers.org/ks2> (NB Please **DO NOT** do any papers with your child from 2011-2018 as we will do these in class and it would affect our assessments. Earlier ones are fine)

Dates for your diary

- SATs WEEK wb 9th May 2021

- Min Y Don Friday 24th – 27th June 2021