

YEAR 6

SPRING TERM TOPIC LETTER

What are we doing this term?

LITERACY – We will be looking at how writers use simile, personification and metaphor to add description and paint pictures in a reader’s mind. We will focus on poetry, culminating in writing a poem for Holocaust Day as part of “Finding a Voice”. We will also be writing and performing plays. We will then move on to looking at journalistic writing and story writing with suspense. We will then move onto Non fiction reports and information booklets. Much of our writing will be 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”.

NUMERACY - We will start by looking at fractions, finding fractions of amounts and percentages. We will then move on to looking at decimals and solving 2 and 3 step problems. We will also look at 3D shape, symmetry, measuring angles, using data and coordinates and ratio and proportion. Times table knowledge is essential for many areas of maths 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 health exercise and circulation. We will also discuss the effects of alcohol and drugs. We will then look at the environment and classification of plants and animals.

History – Much of our Art DT and music work will be linked to WW2. As I like dressing up, we will have a WW2 themed day during this term.

Geography – We will be studying life in St Lucia as well as looking at some of the geography of countries who fought in WW2.

ICT – We are presenting our PowerPoint presentations before moving onto blogging. We will then use spreadsheets to look at WW2 rationing.

ART – We will be creating some art in response to our FORGIVENESS Week.

DT – The children are making a gas mask! Later we will be doing some DT linked to St Lucia.

PE - We are using the gymnastics apparatus to look at flight and contrasting shapes. Later, we will look at basketball and football skills and some dance with a WW2 theme! We will also do some orienteering. The children are

doing athletics and Gymnastics-paired /group balances with the Sports partnership coaches.

PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Children should have normal PE kit (including PE pumps and shorts for gymnastics) but could also have a tracksuit and trainers for wet or cool days.

RE – We will be studying Pilgrimages (including those of faiths other than Christianity.) During our FORGIVENESS WEEK, we will be learning about our class value, culminating in a class display. Later, we will look at the Eucharist, Passover and Who is Jesus?

PSHE – We are looking at “Going for Goals” and “Good to be me.”

LEARN TO LEARN – We will have regular discussions about how we learn in different ways and how to help ourselves to achieve our very best. In Year 6, we aim to.....**REACH FOR THE STARS!**

We will be preparing for our Class Worship in February.

Homework

As in previous years, the children will receive homework every week on a Friday. This will include learning spellings, times tables and regular reading. This term, I will be sending more SATS style questions, particularly in reading. Children will sometimes 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. Please 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.

Minydon -There will be more information in February.

Mr Marshall

Useful Websites

“Hit the button”

Multiplication.com- great for times tables practise.

BBC schools WW2- great for research

And the Woodlands Kent site

BBC Bitesize KS2