

**Year 6 Newsletter**  
**Spring 1**  
**2023**

Well done to everybody for a great first term. We are looking forward to an exciting Spring term full of lots of interesting topics.

English

Our class novel for this term is *Carrie's War* - a story that follows two young London evacuees, Carrie and her younger brother Nick, to a Welsh village. We will be using our class novel to explore more complex inference and develop the skill of recording our ideas concisely. We will be writing letters in character, linked to our new topic of World War Two. We will continue to be learning and practising many grammar and punctuation skills including active and passive voice, parenthesis and using more advanced punctuation such as colons, semi-colons, dashes and hyphens.

Maths

In our Maths groups, we will be revising key learning from across Key Stage 2 as well as introducing new learning around ratio, algebra, decimals and percentages. The children will learn to compare numbers with up to 3 decimal places, as well as applying their knowledge of the four operations to decimal numbers. We will then move on to converting between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Topic

To embed our new history-based topic, World War 2, we are going to be immersing ourselves in this era through our educational visit to Lotherton Hall (Chestnut Class on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Elder Class on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>). On this day, the children will come to school dressed as an evacuee from the 1930s. You will have received a Ping message about this with more information, but please don't hesitate to ask one of the Y6 staff if you have any queries. We will be finding out how life in Britain changed, especially for children, with a focus on children's experiences as evacuees as war broke out. Our artwork will look examples of effective propaganda from the time, before the children create their own persuasive poster using the technique of printing.

Science

Our Science this half-term will focus on electricity. We will begin by looking at the symbols used for electrical circuits before building our own circuits, using our understanding of how they work to alter the brightness of bulbs and the volume of buzzers. Finally, we will design and make our own Morse Code machine using what we have learnt in this unit.

## French

We will begin the half term by practising our French dictionary skills, followed by developing our language around hobbies.

## PE

This half-term we will be continuing to develop our gymnastics skills from Autumn 1. During our other unit of tag-rugby, the children will be practising their skills in preparation for matches at the end of the half-term. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit every Monday and does not take it home until Friday. We will be continuing to have PE lessons outside despite the cold weather, so please ensure that your child has tracksuit bottoms and a school sweatshirt. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery during PE lessons for safety reasons so please ensure your child removes any jewellery before coming to school on PE days.

## Planners

The children are using their planners to inform you about what is happening during school. Please remember to check your child's planner each day and to sign their planner at the weekend. Please also record any reading you have seen your child doing (or better still, listened to and discussed with them) at home.

## Homework

English or topic-based homework will usually be given out on Friday, to be returned by the following Monday. Maths homework will be given on Wednesday, to be returned by Friday. We are using these opportunities for the children to consolidate their understanding of fundamental skills, so it is incredibly important that it is completed. In addition, children should be regularly reading their books at home and practising their times tables and division facts using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Just a reminder that the last day of half-term (10<sup>th</sup> February) is a training day for staff, so the children's last day will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 6 Team:

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