

# Year 6 Newsletter

## Spring 2 2023

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break and that the children are ready for the new challenges and experiences that lie ahead in this half term.

### ENGLISH

This half-term our class novel will be 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman, which looks at the events of the war through the eyes of a child. During our reading learning, we will be continuing to develop the children's more complex inference skills as well as practising retrieval skills and making summaries and comparisons with the books we are reading.

During our first writing topic this half-term, we will practise narrative writing set during World War Two, using a moving book picture book called 'The Harmonica' as a stimulus for emotive writing. We will be concentrating on why the author has made certain choices and the effect this has on the reader, mirroring these techniques in our own writing. Our second writing topic will be Biographies. After analysing several examples of biographies, the children will be researching and writing a biography on Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister who led Britain during World War Two. In addition, we will be using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to engage the children in the history-based topic and further their understanding of the key events.

We will continue to use [www.spag.com](http://www.spag.com) in school for grammar, spelling and punctuation practice. This can also be accessed at home, using the children's logins in their planners.

### MATHS

Each Maths group is working hard in their preparation for the SATs. The groups are continuing to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages, as this forms a large proportion of marks for the SATs papers. As well as this, we are continuing to revise key concepts covered earlier in the year and in previous years, such as negative numbers, prime numbers, shape and calculations.

### TOPIC

The children are all very interested in our World War Two topic which will continue this half term. Following on from our learning about Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain, we will be learning about how the Allies regained a footing on mainland Europe during the D-Day landings and how this contributed to the end

of the war. As well as this, we will be looking at the extremely sensitive subject of the Holocaust, understanding how Jews and other groups were persecuted.

## **PE**

This half-term, we will be focusing on hockey and dance in our PE units. Please make sure your child brings their named PE kit to school on a Monday, including trainers and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE. Please also ensure that any earrings are removed prior to PE days or that your child is able to remove them independently.

## **FRENCH**

In French we will be identifying major cities in France, using our mapping skills. As well as this, we will be planning a route from Leeds to France. This will allow us to investigate the different forms of transport between the two countries.

## **REVISION GUIDES AND HOMEWORK**

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child completes their learning at home. Please remember the importance of sharing stories together and hearing your child read as this greatly contributes to their progress in reading and enjoyment of books. As part of World Book Day, we will be challenging the children to complete a 'Reading Bingo' sheet to enhance and vary their reading diet - look out for these in their planners.

Shortly, revision guides will be handed out and used to form part of the children's homework. Please ensure that your child is working on these throughout the week, completing the activities set by their teacher.

As well as this, you might want to go through your child's past SATs papers with them, using the revision guides to help them answer any questions they got wrong.

Please remember to sign your child's planner at the weekend to show that you have seen any comments written.

Thank you again for your support.

The Year 6 Team:

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