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Year 6

Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back and wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a lovely, restful & enjoyable Christmas break. We are looking forward to the year ahead in year 6 and as always, it will be a busy but short half-term. We are very much looking forward to our trip to Bletchley Park and hope that the children immerse themselves into the history of World War II and the Battle of Britain. In the Autumn Term, we were so proud of all of the effort children put into their homework on SAT's Companion. This half-term, the children's homework **will not be online**. They will receive paper copies of homework each week. We expect all children to complete an arithmetic paper as well as a reading or SPAG task; we will then go through these papers in class. The more they practise, the more confident the children will become at answering SATs style questions. If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would like you to encourage your children to speak to us about any issues that arise within the school day so that they can be dealt with in a timely manner. As always, our priority is to ensure the children in our care are safe and happy. Our new lunchtime structure has proven successful so far and we look forward to working with you again to support the children in becoming independent, resilient and respectful young people, prepared for their transition to secondary education. Thank you again for all of your support last term, it is greatly appreciated. 😊

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English

The children are going to continue producing pieces of writing for their end of Year 6 writing assessment evidence portfolio. They will learn how to effectively include dialogue to move the action along and to convey the character through narrative. Their first narrative will be based on the book: *Rose Blanche* by Christophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti and the second piece will be based on our class reader: *Fritz & Kurt* by Jeremy Dronfield. The children's writing will be based on World War II as in history, they are studying the Battle of Britain.

Reading

In reading, the children will explore their class reader *Fritz & Kurt* and the book *Rose Blanche* as well as *The Island* by Armin Greder. They will also look at song lyrics and study the song: 'When you love someone' by James TW and celebrate Safer Internet Day with an information text. Please encourage your child to read at home daily. It is important they are reading a variety of genres to expose them to rich vocabulary.



Maths

The children will develop their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and learn about area and volume. We will be focusing on arithmetic this half-term so please encourage your child to complete their weekly arithmetic homework paper. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables at home on <https://ttrockstars.com/>.

In **Science**, the children will be learning about Electricity.

In **History**, the children will learn about the Battle of Britain. They will visit Bletchley Park to learn about the importance of it during World War II.

In **R.E** the children will be learning all about Judaism.

In **Computing**, the children will be learning about online safety and spreadsheets.

In **Art**, the children will be developing their sewing skills and will produce an end piece of work linked to the Blitz.

In **Music**, the children will be completing a composing unit on Clef Notation.

In **P.E**, the children will be learning the skills of hockey and gymnastics.

In **PSHE**, children will be exploring the unit of 'Dreams & Goals' where they will be looking at setting future goals and aspirations.

Things to remember:

Homework & Reading records are due on **Mondays**.

Children will now receive paper copies of homework to help them prepare for SATs. They will receive an arithmetic paper and either a reading/SPAG every week. It is really important that the children complete this so that we can help them aim to achieve their very best in their exams. They will also get a curriculum homework menu to choose creative tasks!

PE for Year 6 takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform in line with our dress code policy, which can be found on the website in particular on days when they have PE. As the weather can be quite cold and wet, please ensure your child has a coat with them every day.



Tuesday 16th January:
SATs information evening in the hall @ 5p.m.

Monday 29th January:
Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park

W/C 5th February:
Place2BChildren's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February:
Safer Internet Day

Monday 12th February:
Year 6 Celebration of Work after school

Thursday 15th February:
Random Acts of Kindness Day

