

Spring 1



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.

Thank you again for all of your support last term, it is greatly appreciated. 😊

## The Curriculum

### English

This term we will be using the picture book of 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan to inspire narrative writing. The children will be focusing on their use of extended metaphors and use of personification in their writing, as well as continuing to practise the basics of effective sentence structure.

In the last few weeks, the children will be creating their own persuasive speeches, using Winston Churchill's speeches during WWII to inspire us to write our own to persuade women to help in the war effort.

### 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, studying descriptive language in lyrics from artists such as Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran 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 answering "Is anything ever eternal?", through the beliefs and teachings of Christianity.

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

In **Art**, the children will be looking at artists famous for photography.

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

Mondays and Wednesdays

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.



### Bletchley Park - January

6DC - Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

6AM - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

6DT - Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

6LF - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

### W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

Place2BChildren's Mental Health Week

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

February: Parent Reading Workshop

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:

Safer Internet Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February:

Random Acts of Kindness

Day

