

WELCOME TO Y6! Autumn Term

A warm welcome to Y6. We have enjoyed welcoming you all back to school this September. We know how exciting and hard-working being in Upper KS2 can be so we want to support you in every way we can. All of you are in the last year of primary school too! You will receive information about whole school issues through school newsletters but we also want to send you our own information about Class 12 and 13 through a newsletter – so here is the first one of the year. Feel free to pop into our classes if you feel you need more information or to have a look at your child's work. Thank you so much!

Mrs. Colley, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Horner and Miss Quigley

English

This term, our English will be closely linked to Charlie and The Chocolate factory. The children will practise and continue to develop their inferencing and deduction skills. They will also learn how to write a 'Tripadvisor' review based on their visit to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory using some year 6 features of writing. We will base some of our writing this term on our history topic WWII. Children will be given an opportunity to empathise with evacuees and understand the challenges they faced. In our reading sessions we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class. We will take spellings from the Year 5 and 6 lists and explore how sentences can be written using a variety of punctuation for effect.

Maths

To make sure that we are ready to rise to the challenge of Year 6, we are focusing on the four basic number rules so that we can use and apply them to all maths topics. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. Please support your child in learning all of their times tables – a secure knowledge will make KS2 maths much easier! The main areas we will cover this term are:

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions
- Measurement (Converting Units)

Science

We will begin by having a closer look inside the human body. We will explore the structure of the heart & lungs. The double circulation through the lungs and the rest of the body is explained and children learn more about blood! How does exercise affect pulse rate? Why is exercise good for us & what can harm the heart & lungs? The children will be doing lots of experiments and working as scientists to explain about the heart and how important it is to stay healthy and keep a healthy heart.

RE

The focus of this term's R.E work is Love and commitment. We will look at the love of our families and friends and discuss the idea that there are different types of love, including God's unconditional love for us. Our scripture work will help us to understand that forgiveness is an essential part of unconditional love and that we can grow in love and that God never stops loving. We will also take a close look at vocation where we look at the sacrament of Holy Orders. We will also study Judaism.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>PE</i></p> <p>In P.E the children will learn the rules of tag rugby and continue to develop hand-eye coordination whilst consolidating the rules of tag rugby. They will practise various techniques and learn how to pass, move and score a try. The children will build on their teamwork skills. Lessons are brilliantly delivered by Mr Snaith, our expert PE coach. PE is on a Monday and a Friday so remember to bring PE Kits in school on these days: White tops/black shorts and trainers; when the weather becomes colder, black joggers and a hoodie or fleece will be needed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>History</i></p> <p>In our history lessons we will be studying WW2. Children will learn key events which took place during WWII including the chronology. They will explore the government's decisions which were made and the impact it had on Great Britain. They will also learn about power struggles throughout the war and the significance of RAF Thornaby.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Computing</i></p> <p>There is a lot going on in Computing this term because we are producing our own PowerPoint presentations linked with our war projects - researching the internet for historical facts about life in this era. This term children will be studying: Young Authors, Internet Risks, Stocks & Shares and Gaming. Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art, Music and D&T</i></p> <p>These areas of the curriculum will be linked mainly with our History topics - World War 2. In D and T, the children will be looking at making their own WW2 structures. In music, we will also learn about songs from other countries, with a focus on France with the plan to compose and perform our own music. In art, we will be studying the work of Kwame Akoto- Bamfo and finding out the inspiration behind his art work. The children will create 3d models using clay. This also links to their history topic 'The Civil rights Movement'.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>French</i></p> <p>During Autumn Term 1, the children will be studying 'La Seconde Guerre Mondiale'. The children will learn how to group/order unknown vocabulary to help decode text in French whilst improving their listening and reading skills. Studying the countries and languages involved in WW2 will also link with the knowledge they have gained in history.</p> <p>During Autumn term 2, the children will be studying 'A L'Ecole'. They will learn how to discuss subjects which they like and dislike as well as discussing the time in French. We will also be celebrating International Languages and Music Day whereby year 6 children will have a role to play at 'St. Patrick's Continental Cafe' in order to practise their speaking and listening skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Homework</i></p> <p>Children in year 6 are required to do homework every school night. The amount of homework given is carefully thought out and should never take more than one hour to complete. Included (each night) in this is 20 minutes reading. They should spend 10 minutes on tables and 10 minutes on spellings and x tables which are set each week. They should also spend some time each week on Reading Plus to help improve their reading skills. (This should be one session at home as they have 1 hour each week to complete the other sessions.) Thank you for your support. Each week children will be given a Grammar Task or Maths task to complete for the following Friday. This could be either in their homework book or online.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Important Dates</i></p> <p>1st October - Black History Month Thursday 9th October- Celebration of International Music and Languages Day Friday 24th October Class 12 and Class 13 mass Friday 24th October - Half Term Monday 3rd November - 2 weeks of Bikeability - until 14th November 9th November - Remembrance Day</p>	