

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at least four times a week and make a note of this in their reading record book. We have started the year by reading *Friend of Foe* by Michael Murpurgo together and we will continue to read stories together every day which link our project.

Our daily guided reading session will focus on evaluating how authors use language, giving sound reasons for their opinions as well as consolidating inference, predicting and recall skills.

Writing

Over the term we will be developing our descriptive and persuasive writing styles with texts linked to our World War Two Project. After half-term we will be working on explanation texts and warning stories. We will be concentrating on planning, drafting and evaluating our writing in order to engage the reader.

Throughout the year there will be a strong emphasis on vocabulary, grammar and punctuation as well as spelling and handwriting.

Maths

Core skills for maths:

- Develop their understanding of larger numbers, decimals and fractions.
- Develop reasoning skills to solve problems using written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Advanced classifying of 2D and 3D.
- Developing algebra skills to solve simple formulae.

Maths facts:

- Times table knowledge including the correlating division facts.
- Converting units of measurement to include decimals to three places.

How we will use maths in our project:

- Using understanding of the number system to analyse data from WW2.

Project:

'How Did World War Two Change Our World'

Over the term, this project covers an overriding arch from the wider issues of dictatorship and the cause of WW2 to the turning point of the Battle of Britain. We then look at Leeds and its role in the war. Finally, we reflect on the impact of WW2 and think about everyone who fought (covering Black History Week) and how it contributed to the modern make up of our world.

British Values will underpin much of our learning with particular regard to democracy and liberty.

We will make a DVD in the style of a news report to show early in Autumn II and present this as a movie premier night.

Other learning

PE – Indoor PE is dance where we will be learning how to dance in the style of the 1940s. Outdoor PE is striking and fielding games focusing on tactics and team work.

PHSCE – Year six will choose between three charities to raise funds for. We will keep you posted on events. Linking to our topic, we will be exploring **democracy** and all that it entails.

RE – Holly class will be discussing democracy, treating people fairly and what holy books have to contribute to this ethos.

Science – Looking at light & seeing, sound & hearing in the context of electrical circuits.

Music – We will be learning to sing WWII songs and compose a piece of music representing the Blitz.

Computing – We will focus on e-safety alongside developing word processing, media and internet skills linking to our project.

Please help by:

- Supporting your child's reading by frequently listening to them read and discussing the text with them. Encouraging your child with learning log tasks.
- Regularly checking their learning of times tables and associated division facts. It is essential that mental maths skills are sharp. It is assumed that Year 6 pupils will know all times tables automatically.

Learning logs:

Learning Logs will be given out on a Friday and should be returned to school no later than the following Tuesday. Learning Logs will be linked to our learning in maths, literacy or topic.

Reading books:

- Children can change their book in the morning whenever they finish their home reading book. Please initial their reading record when they have read at home.

PE:

Year 6 indoor PE day is Wednesday and outdoor PE is on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit on these days.

Food and drink:

Please ensure your child has a bottle of water in school every day. Children are also encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack for morning break.

Finally, we would to thank all parents/carers for your help and support in this first term of Year 6 .If you have any questions please ask a member of the Year 6 team.

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