

World War Two



Our exciting history topic for after October half-term looks at Britain's involvement in the Second World War. We will cover areas such as: evacuation, rationing, air raids, the Home Front and the Battle of Britain. Year 6 children always take a keen interest in this dramatic period of our history and often enjoy researching further at home; sometimes finding out fascinating examples of their own family's 'war story'. We would also enjoy seeing any artefacts, pictures or documents if you feel it is appropriate for your child to bring them in. To enrich the topic further, we are hoping to arrange for an evacuee to talk to the children about her experiences.



PE lessons are on **Thursday & Friday** for all children in Year 6.

However, this may change due to unforeseen circumstances. It is

vital that your child has their PE kit at all times. Children must have a change of clothes that they can get dirty (often very dirty!). This needs to **include trainers (not plimsolls or high-tops)**, a plain T-shirt and shorts/tracksuit trousers. Warm fleeces/jumpers are **essential** during the winter months, as it is very cold without them! **PE Kit must be different from their daily school uniform.**

We are keen that all children participate in PE sessions. If your child is unable to take part, they **must have a note**, otherwise they will be expected to join in.

Absence: If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the office by telephone or their class teacher in person otherwise they will be marked down as an 'unauthorised absence'. Extended absence, whilst sometimes unavoidable, can have a detrimental effect on your child's progress. Please contact your child's class teacher so that activities can be provided to work on at home.

All children should be at school, ready to begin the day at 8.45am. If they arrive after this time, they need to sign in at the school office and will be marked as late.

Homework will be handed out on a Thursday and will be due in the following Tuesday. It will consist of one piece of Maths and one piece of Literacy work. We expect children to be regularly learning their times tables for a test on Tuesdays and spellings for a test on Friday. If your child is finding the homework difficult, please ask them to seek help from the teacher before the due date. Children in Year 6 are expected to read four times a week at home. This can be independent but the Reading Record must be signed by an adult.

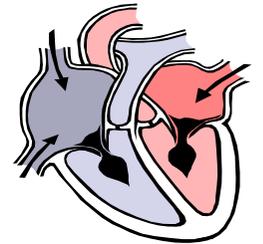
Literacy

In Literacy this term, we will be looking at fiction genres, reports, recounts, explanation texts, and personification poetry. We will also concentrate on developing grammar and sentence structure and a large proportion of Literacy homework will focus on this area. This term our weekly spellings will be distributed on a large sheet at the beginning of term and assessed on **Fridays**. We would ask that you encourage your child to focus on the spelling pattern of the word and discuss its meaning to help them use it in the correct context. We will continue to do our Big Write on a **Friday** with the information being put on the website on Thursday for you to discuss with your child..

The Science Programme



During Year 6, we try to build on the knowledge that the children have learnt throughout their time at school. This term, we will begin by focusing on living things and their habitats, before moving onto an in depth study of animals, including humans. The children will be encouraged to develop their investigative skills through practical activities and relate their subject knowledge to everyday scenarios.



Essential Equipment

Year 6 are expected to take responsibility for belongings brought from home and stationary provided by school.

At the start of the year, school will provide: a pencil, a 30cm ruler, and a Reading Record. This year the child will have to earn their Pen Licence in order to write in pen. Protractors, calculators, compasses and other Maths equipment will be available in class as required.

Colouring pencils, pencil sharpeners, a glue stick and a highlighter are useful extras. A pencil case is essential to prevent loss of items.

Dates for the Diary

September

15th	Welcome to Year group meeting (Mrs Redding's class 3:15pm)
18th –22nd	Woodlands
27th	Mathletics evening for Parents 6pm
29th	Woodlands Assembly (9am)

October

10th	Harvest Festival (St Edburg's Church am)
13th	PTA Disco (Halloween themed)
16th 16th & 17th	International week Parents Evening
23rd	Half-term

November

15th	Calculation evening for Parents
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December

1st	Christmas Craft and Non-Uniform day
8th	Christmas Fayre
12th	Pantomime
13th	Musical Extravaganza (1:30pm)
19th	Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Jumper day (St Edburg's Church am) Last day (finish at 1:30pm)

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