



YEAR SIX SPRING TERM 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Miss Anthony and Miss Manning hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for all the exciting things we have planned for this half term.

English

Writing - We will be linking all our writing to our World War 2 topic; children will be writing their very own powerful war declaration speech from the perspective of Neville Chamberlain, as well as writing letters and constructing interviews.

SPaG - Children will continue to have weekly SPaG lessons, in which they will learn key skills to enhance their writing. Alongside this, children will also have a discrete spelling lesson, learning important spelling rules and patterns which they will be required to learn at home in preparation for the weekly spelling tests.

Guided Reading - You will be aware that your child has been engaging with Accelerated Reader; they will continue to select texts from the school library and will complete online comprehension quizzes before they change their books.



The children will also have daily guided reading sessions which will involve a range of text types including 'The Boy in the Striped Pajamas' which links to our WW2 topic.

Maths

In Maths lessons, we will continue to develop a range of mathematical skills. This term children will be taught to:

- use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination
- compare and order fractions, including fractions >1

- add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions
- multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form
[for example, $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$]
- divide proper fractions by whole numbers
[for example, $\frac{1}{3} \div 2 = \frac{1}{6}$]
- associate a fraction with division and calculate decimal fraction equivalents [for example, 0.375] for a simple fraction [for example, $\frac{3}{8}$]
- identify the value of each digit in numbers given to 3 decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 giving answers up to 3 decimal places
- multiply one-digit numbers with up to 2 decimal places by whole numbers

Our aim is to not only develop competent mathematics skills but to practice applying these skills in a range of different contexts.

Science

In Science, children will be extending their pre-existing knowledge on Living things and their habitats. They will be classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics, as well as describing how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.

History

In History, children will be learning all about World War 2 and The Holocaust. The children will develop their chronological awareness while learning about the many important key aspects of life during the war years.

DT

This term we will be also relating our DT to our World War 2 topic and focusing on food rations.

Art

The children will be learning the skills to create their very own caricatures of the most influential figures throughout World War 2.

RE

The children will study the unit of work, 'How do Jews remember Kings and Prophets in worship and life?' It focuses on what it is like to be Jewish and the covenant with God, exploring beliefs about God and prophets important to the Jewish faith.

Computing

In Computing, the children will be creating their very own multi-media presentation all about World War 2. Children will apply different skills to incorporate various different, graphics, animations and video clips to their presentations.

Music

Children will take part in a weekly singing/ music lessons with Mrs Bradley.

Ways in which you can help at home

- Read with your child regularly and encourage them to take reading quizzes.
- Encourage your child to bring their reading book to school every day.
- Support your child with their homework and spellings each week.
- Encourage your child to engage with Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

Homework

English - Weekly spellings are uploaded on to Spelling Shed on a Friday for children to learn in preparation for the following Friday.

Reading - Children should be spending at least 20 minutes every evening reading at home and they should complete a quiz each time they finish a book.

Maths - Weekly MyMaths homework will continue.

Reminders

- We encourage children to bring a bottle of water and a healthy snack of fruit, vegetables or yoghurt to school. Snacks can be consumed during break times.
- Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school every Tuesday and Thursday (i.e. black/blue/grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a white/blue polo shirt with pumps/trainers. No football kits or football boots). Pupils are expected to remove their own studs for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do this, please ensure that all jewelry is removed before the school day begins.

Daily Reminders	
Monday	Bring reading books and water bottles.
Tuesday	PE Kits needed today.
Wednesday	Bring reading books.
Thursday	PE Kits needed today.
Friday	Spelling test. Homework is due. Homework is handed out.