

## Autumn 2



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### Dates for your diary:

Monday 13th - 17th November - Anti-bullying Week - Make A Noise About Bullying (Wear Odd Socks on Monday!)

Thursday 7th December - Years 5/6 Winter Shows (6.30pm)

Wednesday 13th December - Xmas Lunch / Xmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Children return to school

Dear Parents,

It was great to meet with so many of you for our parent meetings before half term. We have been hugely impressed with the way the children have returned to school after their short break, and we look forward to a new half term of learning. We are delighted to welcome Richard Parsons (a PGCE student) into the Year 6 team: he will be working with 6A until February.

#### ENGLISH

##### READING

This term, we will be reading *Goodnight Mr Tom* by Michelle Magorian. The story centres on a boy who is evacuated to the countryside from London after the outbreak of World War 2. The book explores a range of powerful themes, including friendship, trust and resilience.

##### WRITING

Over the next few weeks, we will be using the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse', a historical mystery set during an air raid in World War 2, to write our own recounts.

#### MATHS

Our main areas of focus this half term are:

- Short division and long division
- Fractions (including adding, subtracting, multiplying fractions and dividing fractions by whole numbers)

You can find our calculation policy and a copy of the Year 6 curriculum on the school's website.

Please encourage your child to play TTrockstars regularly.

#### SPELLING

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be practised during our early morning sessions (from 8:45am - 9.00am) across a two-week cycle. The children will be tested on these words on the Friday of the second week.

Our first focus will be converting nouns or verbs into adjectives using the suffix 'ful'. E.g. beautiful and doubtful

#### SCIENCE

This half-term, the children will learn about the human circulatory system, focusing on how nutrients and water are transported around the body, and exploring how diet, exercise and drugs can affect the heart and how it functions.

#### PE

This half-term, the focus will remain with gymnastics in Indoor PE and changes to hockey in Outdoor PE. Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lessons:

6DB - Wednesdays and Thursdays

6A - Tuesdays and Fridays

#### COMPUTING

In computing, the children will develop their understanding of how to build their own webpages. They will also learn the importance of presenting information that is true, reliable and accurate.

#### HISTORY

In history, we will be exploring what the impact of World War 2 was on the people of Britain. This will include exploring the Battle of Britain, the Blitz, evacuation, and the impact WW2 had on women's lives. We will also complete a local study of how Forest Hill was changed by WW2 bombing.

#### DT

This half term, we will be focusing on structures. The children will have the opportunity to research, design and make their own Anderson shelter, similar to those that were used by many families during the war.

#### HOME LEARNING

Home learning continues to be an important part of Year 6 as we begin to get the children ready for secondary school:

Maths Home Learning - taken home on Fridays and returned on Wednesdays.

English Home Learning - set on Google classroom on Fridays and due in by the following Friday.

Spellings - See spelling blurb on the left of the page.

#### Finally. . .

If you need to get in contact with us, please do so during school hours only: 8:00am - 6:00pm (Monday - Friday) and we will respond as soon as we can. Please note our new email addresses:

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