

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer Term 1

### General Information

Please check with your child that their pencil case contains the following: pencil, eraser, blue ballpoint pen (not a fountain/ink pen), glue stick (not coloured), sharpener, coloured pencils, felt tips, highlighters (green, blue and yellow) and a whiteboard pen (black or blue).

### Curriculum Information

#### **RE – Easter to Pentecost**

We will focus on Mark's account of the Resurrection and we will look at how the disciples spoke up for their faith after the events of Pentecost. We will also look at the Tyburn Martyrs and how they stood up for their faith during the reign of Henry VIII and Elizabeth 1.

#### **Literacy -**

##### **The Song from Somewhere Else by A F Harrold**

We will write narratives, plan and write a debate and plan and write a newspaper report using The Song from Somewhere Else as our class text.

##### **Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Margorian**

Using our class text that links with our WW2 topic, we will write in role from the character's perspective and we will write diary entries from the perspective of the character of Will.

In our Grammar lessons, we will revise a range of punctuation to use in our writing. In addition, we will revise the year 5 and 6 spelling words: a list of spellings will be sent home that your child should practise in preparation for the following week's dictation. During Guided Reading, the children will complete a different comprehension activity each week with a focus on building their vocabulary and learning how to answer different types of comprehension questions.

#### **Numeracy**

**Ratio and Proportion** – we will solve problems involving scaling and direct proportion, calculate and simplify ratios and solve problems involving ratio and proportion.

**Roman Numerals** – we will recap on the rules for Roman Numerals and say what number is represented by a given Roman Numeral.

**Geometry – Properties of Shapes** – measure angles and draw shapes accurately using a ruler and a protractor. Calculate unknown angles in shapes and on lines using angle facts. Explore properties of polygons and circles. Identify 3D shapes from 2D representations and draw nets for a 3D shape.

We encourage the children to explain and reason their work at all times; explaining the work, and the method they used, ensures a deeper level of understanding.

#### **Topic Work**

##### **History – WW2**

We will learn about the events leading up to the outbreak of WW2. We will look at evacuation, rationing, the role of women in WW2 and learn about the events of the Holocaust.

## **Science**

Our topic this half-term is Animals including Humans. The children will learn about the circulatory system and will describe the functions of the heart and blood vessels. They will also learn about diet and exercise and how life style affects the human body.

## **PE/Games**

Focus on tennis and cricket skills.

## **Computing**

Using the Chrome Books the children will look at adverts and advertising. We will discuss the features of adverts and how slogans and music are used as persuasive techniques. The children will then create storyboards and write a script for their own advert before planning specific camera shots.

It would be really useful if the children could continue to practise their touch-typing skills using the BBC Dance Mat typing tutor. Click this link to read about it and go to the level the they have been practising in school <https://www.dancemattypingguide.com/>

We hope that you find this information useful to help you with supporting your child's learning.

Kind regards

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