



# Year 6 Autumn Term 1

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Maths

To start off this year, Year 6 will be focusing on securing and deepening their understanding of place value; children will be reading and writing numbers into the millions, alongside comparing, ordering and rounding them. We will be developing children's methods for calculation with whole numbers. Here, children will develop fluency across a range of mental and written methods for the four operations.

Our topics will consolidate much of the learning the children completed in Year 5. It is essential that children know their multiplication and division facts up to x 12 – this will be an area of increased focus during the Autumn Term.

### Reading and English

As always, our initial focus this term is on building the children's vocabulary. We will be reading several texts linked to our theme of World War II, the main being 'The Lion and The Unicorn'. Children will focus on developing their use of vocabulary to write their own grammatically correct, ambitious sentences. Tasks centred around using a variety of adverbials, will develop children's cohesion of ideas both within and across paragraphs.

Year 6 will have the opportunity to write descriptive pieces independently such as: wartime setting descriptions, letters from evacuees, and a set of instructions.

### Ways to help at home:

- Revise times-table daily
- Read often – Change book weekly
- Learn to spell unfamiliar words (Year 6 spelling list)
- Complete homework to build on learning in school

### Other information:

- P.E will be on a Friday PM.
- Homework will be set on every Friday and will be expected to be completed by the following Thursday.

This term Year 6 will be focussing on the History topic of World War Two. Children will learn about the background and origins of World War Two, focussing on the aftermath of World War One. They will learn about the events of the 1920s and 1930s which led to the outbreak of World War Two. Children will learn about the key people and nations involved in the war, as well as the efforts made in Britain to protect its people, such as rationing and evacuation. Our RE lessons this term will be focussed on 'What it's like to be a Muslim'. Year 6 will learn about the Five Pillars of Islam and understand how these are the foundations of Islam and how Muslims try to observe them. In our weekly Science lesson, we will study the human circulatory system and how this links to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Children will explore in detail the structure and function of the blood, heart and blood vessels which together make up the circulatory system. They will learn about the important work of the physician, William Harvey and how he helped scientists to understand how blood circulates around the body. In Art, children will be applying their knowledge of tone to make a 2D shape appear 3- dimensional and add depth and distance to foreground and background. They will be taught about negative space and how to use this for effect. They will master their use of patterning techniques and develop an investigative approach to exploring mark making using a range of drawing materials.

**Every day will end with class story time. This is a wonderful way to engage the children in reading and hopefully develop a love of reading that will stay with them.**