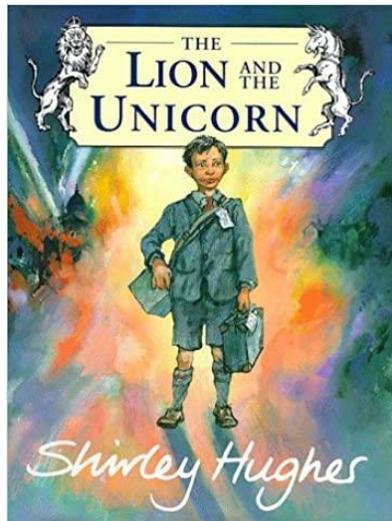


Year 6 Autumn 1: Curriculum Newsletter



This term, Year 6 are studying World War II. We will use various themed texts to engage the children. Our main text will be 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes. Our afternoon lessons will have a geography focus and this term we will be looking at the continent of Africa and asking the question – 'What is Africa like?'

Our RE lessons this term will be focussed on 'What it's like to be a Muslim'. We will look into the principles of the Islamic faith.

In our weekly Science lesson, we will study the human circulatory system and how this links to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Our initial Computing lessons will develop the children's understanding of how to access online learning and homework. We will ensure the children are confident accessing the Office 365 suite to complete set tasks.

More information regarding the content of our foundation lessons can be found in the attached knowledge organisers. Please do use this as a tool to support your children with home learning

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.

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. Drawing out the vocabulary and word classes will be our focus and how we can use this knowledge to write our own ambitious sentences that are grammatically correct. Within our English lessons we will cover the spelling and grammar rules the children are expected to know in Year 6.

Maths:

Year 6 are focusing on place value, counting into the millions and ordering numbers. We will also cover addition and subtraction strategies as well as multiplication and division methods. These topics will consolidate 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.

Ways to help at home:

- Listen to your child read **every** day. Every child takes home a reading book. Please use the reading record to note down when you have read with your child.

- Support with the weekly homework.

- Spend time recalling times tables all times tables up to 12. The expectation is know all these facts fluently. They also need to know the associated division facts too.

Other information:

- PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Stevens for **Rowan** Class and a Thursday afternoon for **Hazel** class. Children **MUST** come into school in their PE kits as we won't be changing for PE during the day due to COVID restrictions.
- Water bottles – ALL children must bring in a named water bottle. Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to provide cups to the children and the water fountain will not be in use.
- Homework will be set **ONLINE** on a Friday and expected to be completed by the following Thursday. *Please see separate communication regarding accessing and completing homework online.*