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Y6 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It is wonderful to have everyone back in school after such a long time. I hope you have all managed to have a summer break - even if things weren't quite as planned.

Children have settled in well and are rising to the challenge of the expectations needed in their final year at primary school. I'm extremely pleased with their effort and motivation during these first few days, and with your encouragement I'm sure this will continue.

We begin the term with a mini **geography** topic studying a contrast in the lives of people living in Brazil – rich and poor. In addition, children will have the opportunity to learn about Brazilian culture, specifically the well-known Rio Carnival. Using their **art** skills of embellishing, they will design and produce a headdress suitable for the occasion.

Our main **history** topic this term will give children the opportunity to find out about World War II. They will learn when and why World War II began and find out about the key individuals and countries involved. In addition to this, they will discover all about evacuation; learn what it was like to live with food rationing and explore the contribution made by women to the war effort. Furthermore, they will learn important facts about the Holocaust and investigate events that were key turning points in the war, such as the Battle of Britain and the German invasion of Russia. Studying World War II will help children to develop their investigation and evaluation skills; learn to organise information chronologically and understand how past events have helped to shape the world we know today. Finally, children will follow an additional line of enquiry: 'How could Hitler have convinced a nation like Germany to follow him?' During the second half of the autumn term, in small groups, children will design and make a model Anderson shelter as a **D & T** project.

Children will be bringing home a knowledge organiser for the history and science topics this term. There will be a short quiz at the end of the topics which will be based on these. Please encourage your child to try to learn as many of these key facts as possible.



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'Dragons fly high, show respect and have fun!'

Although **PE** is timetabled on specific days, your child will need indoor and outdoor PE kit in school every day as sessions may change. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school. For indoor PE this should comprise of a white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. For outside PE lessons and activities they will also need a sweatshirt, some jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers. Earrings should be removed for PE. If their ears have been recently pierced, your child should bring micro-pore tape to cover them for the initial 6 weeks.

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to complete this to the best of their ability. Every bit helps for SATS preparation! In addition, part of on-going homework is to read every night if possible. Talking about what your child has read is equally important in order to enhance general comprehension of text. Additionally, some homework tasks may be set on Seesaw. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

English

Main novel is War Horse. Additional texts: Rose Blanche and Harmonica
Children will produce a wide range of writing, both fiction and non-fiction.

Maths

Daily arithmetic
Place value
All 4 operations
Problem solving and reasoning
Measures
Fractions and percentages

Art

Carnival head dress
Bruegel – Class artist – portraits

D&T

Anderson shelters
Lighthouse with light using a circuit
Cooking – savoury snacks

Science

Classifying Organisms
Changing Circuits

RE

Is it better to express your belief in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?
What matters most to Christians and Humanist?

Computing

Coding



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Music

Where can we get inspiration?
Are words enough?

PE

Athletics
OAA
Invasion Games

PSHE

Relationships – Feelings and Emotions

French

Developing conversations

If there is anything you are not sure of please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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