

## Class 6 Newsletter - Autumn Term



I hope you all had a great summer break.

This newsletter is to let you know about the things your child will be learning this term and how you can support them.

SAT update - the SATS will be the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

On Tuesday afternoons we will be continuing with our music lessons (Rock It) with Mrs Baugh and are ready to learn some new pieces.

Homework will to be given on a Friday and due in for the following Wednesday and will include either maths or literacy work and spelling sentences.

The topic this term is WW11. It is a History based topic and will consider what the country was like at the time. We will be looking at many different aspects:

1. How the war began and the main characters involved
2. Rationing and evacuation
3. The role of women
4. What effect the threat of bombing had on Britain.
5. The role of the government

The children will also have the opportunity of looking at and discussing different pictures from the time and artefacts that would have been used and will enter into a role play activity of children of the time.

**LITERACY** - We will focusing on texts related to our WWII topic which will be the basis for all our literacy based activities The children will first be reading 'The Lion and the Unicorn' followed by 'The Time Train To the Blitz' We will be looking at story writing and the elements necessary for a good narrative and we will be undertaking some role play, hot seating and freeze framing challenges to empathise with the situation many children of the time found themselves in.

There will be great emphasis placed on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling patterns as this now makes up a separate test in SATS so we need to ensure that in Class 6 we are now able to use and identify a wider range of devises such as correct positioning of colons and semi-colons, accurate use of tenses, identification of word classes (nouns verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and articles) and appropriate use of connectives and clauses. Through our writing we will cover a range of different genres including:

Letters, diaries, poems, character descriptions, newspaper articles and autobiographies.

**NUMERACY** - This term we will spend a great deal of time addressing the four rules of number, fractions, decimals and percentages with particular emphasis on numbers up to 10,000,000. This should help the children to develop a secure basic knowledge of skills in calculations. We will look to apply these to the new test based problems to enable them to see how these types of questions will be asked in the summer. I would encourage all of the children to practice this at home to consolidate their learning as we will continue to do in class. We will endeavour to learn tables by heart as this will inform all other areas of the maths curriculum.

**SCIENCE** - This term the children will be learning about adaptations and environments. As part of our topic we are studying why some species are suited to their environment, how they have adapted to the changing climate and how all living things are interdependent. We are going to create food chains and design our own animals and discuss what habitat they are suited to.

**PE** - Games will now be on a Monday morning and will be delivered by a qualified sports coach. They will be learning the skills of Tri golf. The children will need outdoor kit. On Wednesday's the children will start swimming lessons. We also have a timetabled slot for PE on a Friday which we will use at different times throughout the year Please can you sign the consent and permission form for wearing goggles if you have not already done so? Thank you

**Competitions** - There will be a number of sporting competitions for Y6 to be part of including indoor athletics, football and cross country.

**Other curriculum areas:-** Throughout the topic the class will be looking at a range of different art techniques and will have the opportunity in D&T to make an Anderson Shelter model.

In French we will develop their knowledge of the number system and simple classroom instructions and hope to encourage them to use French in other curriculum areas.

In RE will study Judaism and compare and contrast this with other beliefs.

If you have questions about anything featured on this newsletter than please do not hesitate to contact me, my email is [staff25@croft.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:staff25@croft.staffs.sch.uk).

Thank you

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