



Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2022

Topic

The Year 6 topic this term will be 'World War II'. The children will find out about the events leading up to the outbreak of war, the key figures involved, the main turning points of the war and the way that the world changed for everyone involved whether they were directly involved in fighting, lived in occupied territories or had to cope with the difficulties of living on the home front.

We will create artwork based on war artists and use our DT skills to create food suitable for the time of rationing and to design, make and test an air raid shelter.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. At Errington, the children complete a Star Reader test each half term. They will then be given a reading range from which to choose their reading books. Children read their book in school each day and are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week for at least 20 minutes and for this to be recorded in their reading records. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. A grid of additional activities will be provided for children to complete in their reading records. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus at least 4 times a week and have a guided reading session.



Science

In Science, our focus this term is 'Light and Shadows'. Over the half term, we will look at how light travels, how our eyes work and carry out a range of different investigations.

Other Subjects

Y6 will be doing French weekly and will also be covering aspects of art, DT, music and PSHE over the following half term.



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In Y6, children are provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include, Purple Mash, Times Tables Rock Stars, Reading and Century. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website and on the Year 6 Share Point. In addition to this children have been given an optional topic grid where they can choose tasks to do. Housepoints and rewards will be given for good work.

Maths

In maths, the children will begin the term with work on recognising the place value of each digit in numbers up to 10,000,000 and will compare, order and round numbers. We will also look at negative numbers, roman numerals and will then revise formal methods for addition, subtraction and apply these in reasoning and problem-solving situations. In addition to this we will complete a short session on arithmetic daily which will cover a wide range of mathematic areas including fractions, decimals and percentages along with the 4 rules of number.

English

In English, the children will begin by analysing the features of instruction text and writing their own detailed instructions based on our topic of World War 2. We will then move on to reading and writing stories set during the war with a particular emphasis on showing characterisation through speech. In addition to this we will be spending a number of weeks investigating and writing different types of poetry including poetry using ottava rima and iambic pentameter!

Computing

In Computing, we will be revising E-safety and how to stay safe online. We will then move on to looking at ways of researching to make sure that our research provides accurate and relevant information and we will be using this information to create our own blog. '

P.E.

Year 6 pupils will have PE twice a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On these days, we ask that your child wears a school P.E kit. This comprises of a pair of black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers. If children are unable to participate in PE for any reason we ask you to contact school via email or write a note to the class teacher.