



# Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2023

We have had a fantastic start to Year 6 and have been delighted with the maturity our new Year 6 pupils have shown in their first week. Behaviour and attitudes to learning have been excellent and we have been inundated with volunteers to take on a variety of roles and responsibilities in school. I'm sure you will agree that they look wonderful in their new uniforms too! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office. Many Thanks, The Year 6 Team- Mrs English, Mrs Nicholas and Mrs Rule.

## Topic

The Year 6 topic this term is 'World War II' and post war Britain. We will be looking at the events in Europe leading up to WW2 and the changes which occurred at a national level as the country geared up to support the war effort. As part of this we will be visiting Eden Camp- details to be forwarded soon once the details are finalised.

We will be covering a number of different curriculum areas as part of this topic- locational information in Geography, designing, making and testing small air raid shelters and creating artwork based on the wartime work of a local artist Joe Cole.

## 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 3 times a week for at least 20 minutes and for this to be recorded in their reading records with comments- these will be checked weekly. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus at least 4 times a week and have a guided reading session. Please ask your child to talk to staff about book recommendations if they are struggling to find a book they like!



## Science

In Science, our focus this term is Light. We will be learning about how light travels in a straight line, how and why shadows form and how we see objects. We will be working on a number of investigations linked to this topic.

## 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



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 part of our commitment to get the children prepared for the responsibilities of secondary school, all children will be expected to complete this and hand it in on time. 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. Links can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website

## Maths

In maths, the children will begin the term working on place value. This will include reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to 10,000,000 and determining the value of each digit, rounding numbers, using negative numbers and problem solving. In addition to this we will complete a short session on arithmetic daily which will cover a wide range of mathematic areas. Rapid knowledge of timetables is crucial- please encourage your child to work on these if they are not secure as it helps so many areas of maths.

## English

In English, we will begin the year by completing a unit called 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar'. This will revise the grammar/punctuation content studied previously to ensure it is embedded. We will also be writing narrative setting descriptions set during the war years. Alongside this we will be working on our comprehension skills- in particular making sure that our answers are clear and answer the questions that have been asked- not always an easy task!

## Computing

In Computing, the children will be working with Miss Pinder. They will learn about the dangers they could face when online and how to protect themselves from these. They will then create blogs about World War II, researching information and combining different media including text, pictures, videos and weblinks to informative websites.

## 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.**