



# Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2023

## Topic

The Year 6 topic this term continues to be 'World War II' and post war Britain. This time we are turning our attention to what was happening here in Britain during the war and how life changed for many people both during and after the war. We are looking at the war at a local level and will use a range of historical information including our old school log books and air raid records to see how the war affected the people of Marske and the local area,

We will design, make, text and refine models of air raid shelters as part of our Design and Technology linked to WW2.

## 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. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus at least 4 times a week.



## Science

In Science, our focus this term is 'Electricity. Over the half term, we will look at how light travels round a circuit 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 revise formal methods for the 4 rules of number and will apply these in reasoning and problem-solving situations. We will be looking at factors and multiples and how we can use these to aid division of larger numbers and our work on fractions.

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.

## English

In English, the children will be writing narrative setting descriptions set during the war years. We will also be looking at ways of showing characterisation through dialogue. This will lead on to an extended piece of narrative including all of the elements we have looked at this term. Alongside this we will be working on our comprehension skills. This will include identifying key points of focus, skimming text, structuring answers clearly and using evidence from the text in our reasoning.

## Computing

In Computing, we are continuing to research and evaluate information about WW2 and use this to create our own blogs. We will then move on to coding and creating our own games using the knowledge we have accumulated over the term.

## P.E.

Year 6 pupils will have PE twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. 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.**