



# Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2025

We have had a really positive start to Year 6 and I've been delighted with the maturity our new Year 6 pupils have shown in their first few weeks. Behaviour and attitudes to learning have been good 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 or ClassDojo. Many Thanks, Mrs English

## Topic

The Year 6 topic this term is 'World War II'. 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 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September which we are really looking forward to.

We will be covering a number of different curriculum areas as part of this topic including 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 to help them 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 with comments- these will be checked weekly. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus alongside reading lessons as part of our English Curriculum. Please ask your child to talk to me about book recommendations if they are struggling to find a book they like!



## Science

In Science, our focus this term is Light. The children will be working with our Science Lead Teacher Mrs Nicholas and 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 art, RE, DT, music and PSHE over the following half term.



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## Home Learning



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 and ReadingPlus. 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 non-chronological reports and 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

The children will be working with our wonderful visitor Dr Alan Brennan on IT skills where they will produce a PowerPoint over this half term which will include video and audio clips. In addition to this, they will be covering aspects of how to keep themselves and others safe online.

## 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, black cardigan, hoodie or jumper and some trainers. **If children are unable to participate in PE for any reason we ask you to contact school via email, write a note to the class teacher or message on Class Dojo directly.**

Please remember that we are a no earring school for health and safety reasons- there have been a number of pupils wearing 'invisible type' earrings. This rule applies to every day of the week not just PE days.