



# Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2025

## Topic

The Year 6 topic this term continues to be 'World War II' and post war Britain. We are looking at how life changed for people in the UK and the rest of the world during wartime and then we will be 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.

**Y6 WW2 Museum in the Classroom1-2pm**

## 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 help choose their reading books. I am happy to recommend books and authors to children who are struggling to find a book they like! Children 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.** In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus at least 3 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.



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 and ReadingPlus.

## 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 fractions in detail and our work will involve adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and well as finding fractions of amounts.

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 war poetry, a non chronological report and narrative setting descriptions set during the war years. We will also be looking at ways of showing characterisation through dialogue. Alongside this we will be working on our comprehension skills linked to the book 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. This will include identifying key points of focus, skimming text, structuring answers clearly and using evidence from the text in our reasoning. In addition we will be doing our usual spelling and handwriting sessions.

## Computing

In Computing, we are continuing to research and evaluate information about WW2. We will be producing blogs and investigating how to search safely. Miss Pinder takes the children for ICT providing them with her excellent skills and expertise. Internet and online safety remains on the curriculum throughout the year.

**P.E.** Year 6 pupils will have PE twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please can they wear 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.**

**Fundraising-** If anyone can help set up our Xmas fayre at 2pm (after our **Y6 WW2 Museum in the Classroom1-2pm**) or help on the evening from 3.30-6.00 on the 27<sup>th</sup> November that would be incredibly helpful. In addition, if anyone is willing to ask any local businesses for raffle prize donations we are quite low on prizes at the moment. Please return any raffle tickets and monies to school. If you would like any more raffle tickets to sell, please let the office know. If you have any unused raffle tickets, please return them to school.