



Autumn



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

As the new school year begins, Year 6 will be studying 'Lest we forget.' This topic will involve finding out about World War 1, its causes, the countries that were involved, what life was like for soldiers in the trenches and its effect upon life in England. To present their work, the children will be designing a multi-media presentation or brochure.

Within Art, the children will be creating propaganda posters in support of the war effort and will be producing their own images linked to the war, using a variety of medium. Working in the style of artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper, the children will be making their own clay poppies to remember those who gave their lives in World War 1. Why not become involved in your child's learning by helping them complete some of their topic based homework challenges? There is an activity for everyone.



English

Linking with our topic, the Year 6 class novel will be 'The War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo. This will be used to help the children understand the importance of animals in the war and provide a 'hook' for writing. Using the digital-media clip 'The Piano,' the children will be introduced to the experiences of the main character and produce a story with flashbacks. Also, through Drama, the children will take on the role of soldiers in the trenches and write letters home to loved ones and complete a diary extract, describing what a day in the trenches was really like. Within this Year 6 will be developing their grammar, punctuation and spelling skills. In order to support your child so that they make rapid progress, please listen to them read on a regular basis and discuss what they have read. Weekly spellings and grammar activities will be sent as homework. Please support your child by ensuring that these are completed.



Mathematics

To begin this term, the children will be developing their understanding of place value to 10,000,000, including rounding to a degree of accuracy. They will be using negative numbers in context and calculating numbers across zero. Also, they will develop their skills of using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to solve real life problems.

Knowing the multiplication tables by heart will speed up your child's calculations and help them to prepare for their forthcoming SATs. Please encourage your child to learn these. If your child has access to the Internet at home, they can practice their tables using Times Table Rockstars and consolidate their Maths learning using Mathletics. Weekly Maths homework will be set.

Science

This term, the children will be investigating light. They will be exploring the way that light behaves: including light sources, reflection and shadows. They will work scientifically to investigate the relationship between light sources, objects and shadows, by using shadow puppets and designing their own periscope. Extending their understanding, Year 6 will look at a range of phenomena, such as rainbows and why objects look bent in water.



Enrichment

- Robinwood Residential
24th November 2017- 26th November 2017



Important Dates & Information

SATs week begins May 14th 2018. Please ensure that your child is in school during this very important time.
Writing SATs continues until the end of June. A good attendance will ensure that your child will access all areas of work and achieve their potential.

Miss King, Mrs Hill, Mrs Brown, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Henshaw & Miss Smith