

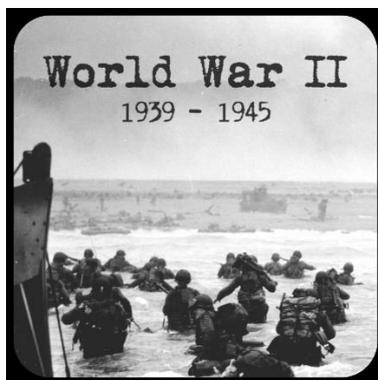
Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter 2020 Banksy & Hirst CLASS

Dear Parents and Carers Welcome to Y6!

Although it is the children's last year at Primary School, there is still a lot of fun left to be had as well as some more in-depth learning!

This school year will be quite different for the students as they will have more responsibilities that will allow them to have an easier transition to Secondary School. Students will be much more responsible and accountable for their learning. For example, students are expected to be responsible for their equipment (i.e. pens, pencils, rubbers). Furthermore, Y6 students will have homework throughout the school year that will reflect what they will be learning in lessons. It is important students complete their homework as this can help further their learning on the concepts taught in lessons. When students practice the material frequently, it also allows for them to progress and reach their fullest potential in their academic abilities. Furthermore, Y6 students will become exceptional role models for the rest of the school as they will take on responsibilities such as being on Student Council, a House Captain, or by having class roles that will contribute to helping the rest of the school out.

Our topic focus this term will be 'World War II'. Students will gain an understanding of everyday life in WWII. Students will explore topics such as the Blitz, evacuation, rationing and many more. Through these different areas of learning, students will make connections between WWII and life today.



In English, we will begin with short story writing to get back into the basic skills of writing. We will also focus on non-fiction texts to gain a better understanding of natural disasters. We will be writing non-chronological reports as well as explanation texts as this will fully allow the students to demonstrate their understanding of the natural disasters. Furthermore, we will include our grammar and punctuation lessons within the English hour so that these skills can be practiced in the student's writing. Students will also focus on spelling and handwriting to prepare for the National Curriculum tests in the summer term.

In maths, we will go through the units of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, geometry, 2D and 3D shapes, ratio and proportion as well as algebra to further prepare the students for the National Curriculum tests. There will be a lot of opportunities for students to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills.

In Art, this half-term students will be doing Batik printing. During the World War II topic, students will look at wartime propaganda posters and use these as inspiration for their own designs.

In science during the term, students will study evolution, light and the eye. They will discover through hands-on investigations through the development of their scientific enquiry skills. In RE, we will look at, with sensitivity, the persecution of the Jews during World War II.

In PE, students will learn skills in football. Students will also gain an understanding of efficient warming up activities before participating in physical activities. Students will also demonstrate a positive attitude in all games while learning to work together as a team. Students should have PE kits every Friday. Children can bring dark coloured jogging bottoms for outside P.E sessions which will happen often. Remember children should not wear jewellery in P.E sessions; they must remove their earrings and, for safety reasons, have a hair band to tie up long hair.



Homework will still be sent out on a Friday and will be expected to be handed in via Class Dojo on the following Thursday. Each week homework will consist of English and Maths which will allow for extra preparation toward their National Curriculum Tests. Also, students will be given History and Geography facts to revise for weekly pop quizzes that are completed in class. Students should also practice their spellings, times tables and mental maths daily especially through TTRockstars, SpellingShed and Mathletics. Furthermore, Y6s must read a minimum of twenty minutes an evening. The children will read an AR book alongside the Harry Potter series throughout each term. Reading comprehension questions will be set alongside the task of completing a book review for Harry Potter. All books completed must have AR quizzes completed at school.

Parents can come speak to us at any time but please keep in mind that the mornings will be for shorter conversations. If you would like to see me after school for a longer conversation please let us know via the Class Dojo app.

Miss Niven & Miss Stoneman 😊