

Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back to term 2, we hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning and have a fabulous trip to Hazard Alley to look forward to.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to have our test spelling on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on this day. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills specifically finding evidence from a text to back up a point.



Writing

In English this term we will be writing using our class text from last half term, Pig Heart Boy, to write a narrative from a different character's point of view. We will also be using our knowledge gained in our geography lessons last half term to write a non-chronological report comparing life in the Arctic and Antarctic circles. Finally, we will be writing an essay based on our history topic, World War I.



Maths

In maths we will be looking at fractions: ordering and comparing fractions, simplifying fractions, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts. We will then move on to converting different measures.



Science

Our science topic this term is classifying living things. We will look at classifying organisms, plant and animal cells, taxonomy and classifying vertebrates and invertebrates.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying still life and form. We will be creating form with tone, drawing still life using cross hatching and looking at the work of Cezanne.



In DT we will be cooking. We will be following recipes and creating our own Mezze.

Geography/History

In history we will be learning about World War I. We will look at the causes of the war; the war on land, sea and in the air; life on the Western Front; the Home Front and consequences war.



In geography we will be learning about settlements. We will look at different types of settlements: rural, urban and suburban; population density and what different settlements need.

Music

In music we will be looking at jazz music. We will listen to different pieces of this genre and compose our own jazz pieces.



PE

In PE this term we will be going swimming on a Wednesday morning. We will walk to the swimming pool at the start of break time. Please make sure you have your swimming kit, including your hat in school this day.



PSHE

In PHSE we will be looking at celebrating differences.



RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity, specifically Christmas.

**Reminders**

As a reminder, our school uniform for upper key stage 2 is a white shirt and school tie with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Monday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

Homework Project

Please see separate letter. The projects will be related to our next history topic: World War I. Children could find out about life in the trenches, make a model of the trenches, find out about the vehicles used during the war, draw a picture of the vehicles, create a map of the countries involved in the war or anything else they would like to research, create a picture or make a model of.

**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities

**Times Tables Rockstars****Spelling Shed**

Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Morgan

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bradley

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that upper Key Stage 2 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt, white shirt and academy tie.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!

Monday 30th October – School closes – teacher training day

Tuesday 31st October - School starts term 2

Tuesday 2nd November – PTA Halloween disco

Tuesday 7th November – Hazard Alley trip

Friday 1st December – School closed – teacher training day

Wednesday 6th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas concert

Wednesday 20th December - School closes for Christmas holiday