

Y6 Curriculum Newsletter – Why were children evacuated during WW2?

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents,

Throughout the Autumn term our topic is based around the question – Why were children evacuated during WW2? In English the children will be learning about the life of children throughout WW2 and developing their skills in writing non-chronological reports. They will also be writing a journey tale linked to evacuation during the war and studying war poetry. Our whole class reading book this term will be 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll which also links with our History theme. Our Maths topics this term will be number and place value, understanding the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers.

In Art the children will be developing their drawing techniques. At first the children will be developing their sketching skills before leading up to opportunities for them to carry out observational drawings of WW2 artefacts. In Science we will be studying Light as well as Electricity later on in the term. Our History topic this term is a study of WW2 with our Geography topic a study of rivers, oceans, seas, lakes and the water cycle. For Computing we are focusing on the importance of E-safety and our PSHE Jigsaw topic this term is called 'Being Me in My World'.

To give the start of our History topic that 'WOW' factor, we would like the children to dress up like evacuees on the first day of term – Monday 6th September. This will allow us the opportunity for some role play scenarios and give the children a feel of what it was really like to be evacuated from their home and taken away from their families to move to a safe place. If the children want to research any information about WW2 over the holidays this would be fantastic and we would love to see their work in September when they return to school.

PE will be on a Friday afternoon. We are continuing with the new way of teaching PE this year by having a double session on Friday. The lesson begins with the Real PE skills which then leads onto playing a structured game. The focus of the games for the Autumn term are football and netball. Please can you ensure that all PE kit items are clearly named and remind your child that they will be responsible for their kit at all times.

Spellings will be given on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Other homework will include a Maths booklet to help develop and improve their arithmetic skills and also an English / SPAG task. **All** homework tasks need to be handed in on the following Monday therefore it is up to the children to manage their tasks throughout the week and not leave it all until Sunday evening. Project homework will be given occasionally. This provides an opportunity for the children to show off their creative side and present their work in a variety of ways.

Children's homework diaries will be checked regularly, so it is important that your child brings it to school every day. Now that the children are in Year 6, it is really important that they read every day. I've suggested a minimum time of 15 minutes every day but of course they can read for longer if they wish. I hope this letter helps to give you a little information into what your child will be doing in the Autumn term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Adams, Mrs Kempster & Mr Mason