



SUMMER TERM 2017

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our newsletter for the Summer Term.

Our topic for this term is: **World War 2**



We are in full swing, gearing up for the SATs. The SATs examinations run from the 8th until the 11th of May. It is very important that your child is in school for every examination as these are national tests undertaken just like GCSEs or A Levels. They are set by the Standards Testing Agency and as a school we cannot change them.

Should the unthinkable happen and your child is unwell on the day, please alert us and we will make arrangements for them to sit the test in isolation and then home straight afterwards.

Once the SATs are over, we will continue our WW2 topic. We have some great trips planned for this term and we are in process of organising a WW2 day. As well as all this, we will be preparing for our Year 6 production: Alice in Wonderland.

In English, we have just started to read: Goodnight Mr Tom, by Michelle Magorian. This will feed into our writing and History work. In writing, we are soon to start a WW2 information text, using information we have learnt in history. We have been creating the front cover for these information text in art. Then we will look at a picture book version of Anne Frank's life and will write a biography of her life. We will also be writing fictional stories inspired by Clockwork by Phillip Pullman and the Man who walked between the towers by Mordicai Gerstein.



In Mathematics, we will be revising all topic areas. We will have more time to practise our reasoning and problem solving skills. I have some great problem solving tasks for children to engage in. We are also hoping to do more maths lessons outside, as I know as a class this is something they will enjoy. In Science, our topics are electricity and reversible/irreversible changes. This will lead to some great hands-on experiments. This will feed into our D.T work, where we will create our own electrical game. In DT we will also be doing bread making, like people in war may have done.

As mentioned earlier, in history, we will be learning about evacuees in the Second World War. We will also look at why the wars started and what/who was the cause. In PE, we will be doing rounders in the first half term and cricket in the second. While CM sports will be doing athletics and tennis. In art, we have been looking at the use of propaganda posters in WW2 and have created our own posters. Now we will be creating perspective drawing with charcoal of typical streets in the war and creating 3D models of an Anderson Shelter.

In ICT, we will continue to use scratch and Microsoft software. We will also continue discussions on how to be safe on the internet. After Calshot, we will create a video diary describing our trip. For RE, we will be studying a topic on Leadership and Prophethood – linked to WW2.

PSHE this term will be predominantly focused on transition for secondary school and changing relationships (sex education).

Specific Year Six dates and events for the Spring Term

Year 6 SATs: 8th - 11th May

Trip to the Watercress line: Thursday 18th May

Trip to Alice Holt: Monday 22nd May

WW2 day: Thursday 8th June

Calshot Residential: 26th -29th June

Secondary school transition day: 7th July