UKS2 Newsletter Autumn 2020

The Year 5/6 team this year are...

Class Teachers:
Miss Athwal
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Miss Prothero

Class Assistants:
Mr Hill
Mrs Lake
Mrs Thomas

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

Welcome Back!

We are very excited to be welcoming all the children back to school! We will be working full steam ahead with a busy curriculum this term.

Learning will continue to be consolidated throughout each area of the curriculum with a clear focus on helping the children to achieve their potential.

We would like to welcome Miss Athwal back to the school and the Year 5/6 team!

Meet the Team

This year, Shakespeare class will be taught by Miss Prothero, Dickens by Mrs Gresswell on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Bicker on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Morpurgo will be taught by Miss Athwal.

We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms and to enjoy a productive year filled with exciting topics!

Key Dates To Remember This Term

First Day of Term	02/09/2020
WW2 Day	16/10/2020
Last day of term	22/10/2020
Inset Day	23/10/2020
First Day of Term	02/11/2020

Half Termly Achievers & Stars of the Week

This box will host the names of a child from each class who has notably worked hard during the previous half term. It will give us an opportunity to celebrate their achievements with everyone in the Year Group. A Star of the Week will be nominated and the certificate will explain the reason, as unfortunately we cannot hold Collective Worship in the usual way.

Key Information

Our website is the best source for all the information you need to know and it is regularly updated - so please visit it often!

PE Lessons

This term, Dickens class will have their PE lessons on a Wednesday and Friday, Shakespeare's and Morpugo's will be on Monday and Thursday. This term, please can the children come into school in their full PE kits on their PE days.

Snacks

Please can children bring in a named water bottle each day which can be refilled in our classrooms. Children are allowed to bring a snack which they can eat at break time. Snacks should be a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Homework & Spellings

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be a piece of English and Maths. We will be sending new QR codes home to reactivate Seesaw to help with this. Homework is due in the following Wednesday. A record will be kept of missing homework - any problems/queries with the homework should be highlighted before the hand in date.

And also.....

Normally we would encourage children to bring in resources to enhance their learning but unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to accept anything. Hopefully this will change soon.

Communication

All class teachers are available if you have any concerns about your child or queries about how to support learning at home. Due to the current situation please do speak to us to arrange an outside of hours appointment and we will respond with a phone call.

Thank you!

Miss Athwal
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Miss Prothero

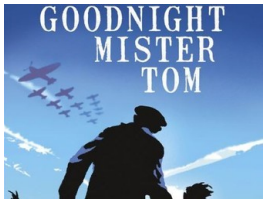
This Half Term

A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead. Take cover! It's 1939 and Britain is at war. Deep down in the Anderson shelter, learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory. And, as peace is declared, let's get ready to celebrate. Mr Churchill says 'It's an unconditional surrender!'.



Literacy

In English this term, our key text will be 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. We will begin by writing letters. We will then move on to speeches and looking at persuasive writing techniques. Children will also write diaries as evacuees and we will end the term looking at narrative dialogue. Throughout the weeks, we will be focusing on the requirements they need to meet or exceed end of year expectation, polishing/editing work effectively for impact.



Mathematics

In Mathematics the pupils will work in ability groups. We will be focusing on place value for two weeks. We will then move onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be continuing with the Maths Mastery approach this year looking at fluency questions and then moving the children on to reasoning and problem solving questions. We will be particularly helping children to explain the mathematics they are doing to check for any misconceptions or gaps.



Science

To start the year, the children will be taking part in some practical investigations to help build upon their skills of scientific enquiry and discovery. For instance, we will be working scientifically to discover how they sent coded messages in World War 2.

RE

In RE we will focus our learning around the key question 'Are saints encouraging role models?' We will consider if all religious beliefs influence people to behave well towards others, whether religious people lead better lives and understanding more about saints as figures and what they represent.

Art and DT

We will be looking at rationing and what menus were used during WW2. We shall also be learning about Anderson Shelters—children will design and then make their own. In Art, we will use symbolic images from WW2 to create pictures using a range of media.

Music

Music will link in with our WW2 topic. We will be listening and appraising to songs sung during WW2.

MFL

This term, we will be using Languagenut to revise so of the key words and phrases.

History and Geography

We will look at a timeline of events during WW2 and we will be looking at the allies and axis during the war, as well as the leaders and their involvement. We will examine the lives of German and Jewish children, touching on the Holocaust. We will think about the roles of men and women during the war, discovering more about the jobs that they did.

We will also look at evacuees, life in school, the Blitz and rationing.

Computing

Children will be learning thinking about internet safety and how to be responsible online.



PE

This term, each class will be taking part in athletics and netball. The lessons will be taught by Mr Deverall, the class teachers and Mr Vaughan from Maidenhead Magpies.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be catching up with the RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) topics which would have been taught in Summer 2. The Year 5's will follow the Year 4 curriculum and the Year 6's will follow the Year 5 curriculum.

