

# Year 6

# Newsletter



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term! We are really excited about our new topic, World War Two, and have lots of exciting trips and activities planned. Please look out for letters about these in the following weeks. As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the playground or arrange a meeting. Parents evening is coming up soon and we look forward to meeting you all properly then.

Mrs Butler, Miss Boyle, Miss Kapoor and Miss Gladman.

## Topic Focus: World War Two

This half term our topic is World War Two. The children are already excited about learning military-style 'drill' during this topic and we have already held auditions for our NCOs. We are preparing for a huge VE Day celebration at the end of term where we will invite in family and friends to celebrate with us. We will march on parade, invite you to taste rationed recipes and demonstrate our first aid skills, including carrying off casualties on stretchers we will have made in DT. In Science, we are learning about the circulatory system and how we can keep our bodies healthy. For Computing and PSHCE, our focus is on E-Safety and as part of this we had the Snap Theatre Company in for a day of drama and workshops which the children got really involved in.

## English (incl Reading)



In English, we will be reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. In the story, the main character is evacuated to the countryside and looked after by Mister Tom. We will be writing newspaper reports about evacuation, using quotes to show how different people felt about the war. We will empathise with Will and write diary entries in role. Later in the topic, we will be planning and writing our own endings to the story.

We will also be using our scientific knowledge to create an informative booklet about the Circulatory System.

## Maths



In our Maths lessons, we will continue to build on our arithmetic skills, using mental and written methods for all four operations. We will learn to add, subtract and simplify fractions and solve fraction problems. After learning how to find percentages of numbers, we will solve real-life problems using this skill. We will also be further developing our understanding of decimals and solving calculations involving these. Lastly, we will be learning about ratio and proportion.

# Reminders

## Important dates

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** School Journey meeting (at Thamesmead campus)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** RA individual school photos

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November:** Thamesmead individual school photos

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Parents Evening

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November:** Book Fair

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November:** Class 22 and Class 23 to HMS Belfast and Imperial War Museum.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** 6RA class assembly.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Woolwich Poly science workshop

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Class 21 and 6RA to HMS Belfast and Imperial War Museum.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Thamesmead Christmas performance

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 RA Christmas performance

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Fayre (at RA campus)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Class Christmas parties

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term (school finishes at 2.15pm)

## Home Learning

Please find the schedule for our creative curriculum homework attached. Homework is due to be handed in every Wednesday. Spellings are given out every Monday and tested the following Monday.

## Reminders

This term, we will be rehearsing in mixed-class groups for our parade. This may mean that PE days are changed at short notice. Therefore please ensure that children bring in their PE kit on a Monday morning and take them home on Friday afternoon.

Please remember that jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of small stud earrings.

Children are permitted to bring in 30p for Healthy Snack Shop, which runs on Tuesday to Friday each week. Please do not allow your child to bring in any other money to school with them.

## E-Safety Other H&S British Values etc.

**Values:** Our Heronsgate values this term are Cooperation in November and Simplicity in December.

Year 6 children often use mobile phones and messenger services, and we have been teaching the children to use these in a responsible manner. For further guidance, see [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)