

# Year 6

## Newsletter



### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term! We are really excited about our new topic this half term: World War II. We have lots of engaging learning planned for the children and we hope that they will continue to share their learning with you through discussions at home.

Miss Jegede, Miss Hayward, Miss Malyon and Mrs Golding.

### Topic Focus: World War Two

This half term, our topic is World War II. The children will get the opportunity to learn about rationing, propaganda and what life was like in Woolwich during the war. They will also design and create their own stretchers, inspired by the stretchers used on the battlefield to help take injured soldiers to safety. In Science, we are learning about the circulatory system and how we can keep our bodies healthy. During Computing lessons, our focus is E-Safety.

### English (incl Reading)



In English, we will be reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. In the story, the main character (Will) 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.

In addition, we will also be using our history knowledge to write a letter and diary entry from the point of view of a soldier on the front line.

### 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.

# Reminders

## Important dates

Currently none.

Please continue to check your emails for communication from the school regarding upcoming events.

## Home Learning

Project homework will be sent via howbie.

Spellings will be given out weekly on Mondays; children will be tested the following Monday.

Please continue to encourage your child to read often and record this in their Reading Champions book. The children will go home with both their assessed book banded book and a novel of their choice.

Times tables is a key focus for Year 6; please continue to practise these regularly. Children should use Times Tables Rock Stars every day and should continue to practise their skills on athletics, three times weekly for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.

## Reminders

All children **must** bring their PE kits with them on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but must be taken home at the end of each day.

We do not recommend that children under the age of ten walk home alone. However, if you would like them to, you must sign and return a school form. Please contact the office for more details.

Please ensure your child wears correct school uniform every day. See the school website for further details.

We understand that with the wet weather children may wish to wear boots to school. Please ensure they have normal school shoes or trainers to change into on arrival.

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

In order to support learning, pupils may be taught in sets for maths and reading. Additional small group teaching will take place as needed to support your child's progress. Hygiene measures will continue before and after transition to these groups. Children will continue to distance as much as possible.

For further guidance on E-safety, see [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk). This is especially useful when or if children are using mobile and other devices at home.

This term our Heronsgate Value is Respect.