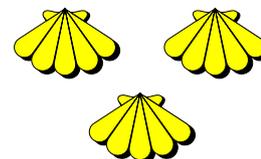


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Autumn 2017 Newsletter

Year 6 - Indigo Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you had a really enjoyable summer holiday. We are looking forward to watching all of the children in Year 6 progress and reach their full potential in their final year at High Wych School. They will be a wonderful Year 6 class.

Here is a brief outline of the main topics that we will be covering this term:

In English we will be studying *Goodnight Mister Tom* which will link into our history topic. We will use this classic children's novel to study character and setting as well as to give us an insight into life as an evacuee. When they return from Kingswood, we will be focusing on recount writing, which will lead to their first piece of Big Writing. By the second half of the Autumn term Year 6 will be analysing a range of fiction texts, identifying different genre types and using them as a stimuli to write their own stories.

The children will all be reading and discussing texts in groups weekly. There will be daily grammar, handwriting and spelling lessons.

In Maths this term, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of all areas of mathematics, using immediate assessment to highlight individual areas that need improvement. The children will have weekly mental maths lessons where they will learn to answer questions at a quicker pace and with more accuracy. They will work hard to develop their knowledge of the four operations, shape and space skills, number and place value, use various graphs to analyse and represent data and gain a better understanding of fractions and percentages. We will have regular problem solving sessions to challenge the class. We will also develop maths through 'Maths of the Day' to encourage active maths.

In Science, for the first half term, we will be extending our understanding of adaptation, food chains and life processes. After half term we will be looking at light.

In History we will be studying life at home during World War 2. The children will learn how the lives of children and adults were different during the war, read a range of stories and analyse different sources to find real facts about that period. Once again we have invited History off the Page to come into school to lead a day of role play and interactive activities, where the children will be able to dress up and experience life as an evacuee. This will take place on 16th October. Details to follow.



In Geography the children will investigate the question: How will our world look in the future? Through first hand experiences they will study land use, coastal erosion and renewable energy.

In ICT we will begin the year by looking at eSafety and how to stay safe online. This will be followed by learning how to manipulate sound using 'Audacity'. The end result will be a soundscape of an air-raid.

PE lessons will be on **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please ensure the children have a fully named kit. They are able to wear plain, dark blue joggers and sweat shirts for the winter months. A plastic bag for muddy footwear will come in handy. All hair should be tied back and earrings taken out.

Homework will be set on a **Monday** to be handed in on **Friday**. They will have a piece of Maths and English each week. The children will also have 10 spellings to learn to be tested on Friday. Year 6 children may also be given tasks set by the teacher on BUG club, Mathletics and iHub.

Please support your child to read at least **5 times a week**, as this will really help their reading skills. Their reading records will be checked every Friday. Please also make sure that the children are reading suitable material for their age, although reading is for pleasure, we will be making sure they are reading high quality material to support their development. There will be a school reading challenge in the form of the popular Bingo card.

Please continue to provide your child with fresh fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a named water bottle too please.

Please feel free to contact any of us should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Phillips
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