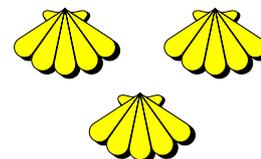


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Autumn Newsletter **Year 6 - Indigo Class**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

We hope that you had an enjoyable and well-rested summer holiday.

We are pleased to be working with you and your children again this year and are very much looking forward to watching all of the children progress, have fun and reach their full potential in their final year at High Wych School. We have a very busy year ahead of us but definitely an enjoyable and memorable one too!

Here is an outline of the topics we will be studying this term:

In English, we will be studying a variety of texts linked to our history topic- The Impact of World Wars. We will use a classic children's novel 'Goodnight Mister Tom' to study character and setting as well as to give us an insight into life as an evacuee. We will link much of our work to our topic, covering skills such as: news reports, formal and persuasive letters, recounts and story writing. When they return from Grittleton House, we will be focusing on recount writing, which will lead to their first piece of Big Writing.

Reading - This year we will be reading and discussing texts as a whole class, developing intonation, fluency and expression. We will continue to focus on skills related to comprehending texts with our very effective ERIC sessions. This will expand pupil's vocabulary, deepen their understanding of texts and generate an understanding of how to articulate reading paper answers. Children will still be expected to access good quality (age appropriate) texts five days a week, however this can be sessions which focus on vocabulary understanding and discussions of the text. We will explain more about this during parent/teacher meets. Children or parents need to record their text and engagement in their reading record for the teacher to monitor. Spellings - Children will continue to be given spelling rules and activities rather than pre-determined words to learn as this gives children the skills to spelling many words. The children will also be sent home with a highlighted copy of their 'Common Exception Words'. These words needs to be learnt and implemented into their writing for them to be assessed at 'age appropriate level'. The children will be encouraged to learn and use these words in school, however, if they are discussed and displayed at home and tested on in fun family situations, this could have great impact on their attainment.

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 arithmetic maths lessons where they will learn to answer questions at a quicker pace and with more accuracy at securing the arithmetic paper. 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 decimals, fractions and percentages. We will have regular problem solving sessions to challenge the class.



In Science, we will be studying 'Animals including us'. We will be looking at recognising the vast amount of living things and begin to classify them into different groups. The children will learn why classification is important and begin to devise own keys to classify organisms and objects. We will also look at the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will look at the impact of exercise, diet and lifestyle and describe ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals including humans.

In History we will be studying the impact of war and how WW2 impacted our local area. 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. Details to follow. In Geography the children will look at South America: The Amazon and what life is like in the Amazon. We will investigate the question: How is our country changing? The children will research how specific areas of the UK have been affected by change, write a magazine article report and produce art work displaying their perception of the past, present and future.

In Computing we will begin the year by looking at E-safety and how to stay safe online. Following this, we will be developing our programming and coding skills. In RE we will begin by looking at Creation and The Fall. We will be learning about some ways Christians respond to God as Creator as well as learning how Christians find science and faith compatible. In French lessons, we will be working on our phonics and regular verbs. In PSHE, our first unit will be 'Being Me in My World' where we will be reflecting on how our behaviour and actions can impact others. Our second unit will be 'Celebrating Differences' where we will explore issues including bullying. The children will explain ways in which difference can be a source of conflict and a cause for celebration

This term, PE lessons will be on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. 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 that day.

Homework be will sent home on Fridays and due back the following Wednesday. The focus for homework will be reading comprehensions, spelling activities, revisiting maths and the occasional topic or art links. Any homework sent will be carefully planned and selected to ensure it has impact upon the children's learning: it will not be given if it is not necessary or impactful.

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 us should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 6 Class Teachers

