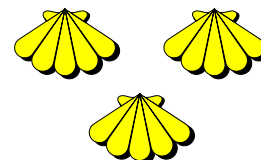


# High Wych C E Primary School

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## Autumn 2019 Newsletter Year 6 – Indigo Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday. I am excited to be working with you and your children this year, and am very much looking forward to watching all of the children progress 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 a brief outline of the main topics that we will be covering this term:

In English, we will be studying a variety of texts linked to our history topic-WWII. 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 biography and autobiography, letters, recounts and studying the text 'Rose Blanche' and 'The Arrival'. When they return from Kingswood, 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 and continuing with our very effective ERIC sessions. This will expand pupil's vocabulary and deepen their understanding of texts through explicit whole class teaching daily. Children will still be expected to read good quality (age appropriate) texts five days a week and should record this in their reading record for the teacher to monitor. Please note that it is the number of days, not the number of times they have read. This includes books from home. Those children that are reading 5 times a week will be rewarded with extra play on a Friday. Spellings - Children will continue to be given spelling rules rather than pre-determined words to learn. They will have to source their own words using the rule and write sentences to display their meaning. The children will also be sent home with a highlighted copy of their 'Common Exception Words'. These words need 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 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, 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 their 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 WWII 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 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 and produce art work displaying their perception of the past, present and future.

In ICT we will begin the year by looking at eSafety and how to stay safe online. This will be followed by a unit based on Robotics and systems.

This term, 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 sent home on Fridays and due back the following Wednesday. The focus for homework for High Wych this year will be: times tables tasks, spelling rules tasks and reading. These three areas of learning have a significant impact upon the children's learning and need to be accessed frequently to assist them in their assessments. In addition, the children will be set half-termly projects, which will be based on the year group's topics being studied in class. I will give more information on these nearer the time. As Year 6 is a SATs year, there will be extra homework tasks that will support them in their knowledge and learning that are tailored for their individual needs.

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.

Attendance - It is essential that your child arrives to school in good time. Your child should be lined up at 8.50 when the school bells is rung. If you arrive after this time, then your child will need to be taken through the school office. Please note that your child will be marked as late if they arrive after the school bell.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

**Miss Keep**  
**Year 6 Class Teacher**

