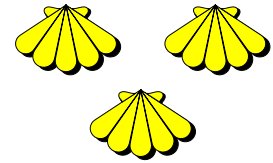


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Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Year 6 - Indigo Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I am excited to be working with you all this year and watching 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 also be looking at the text 'The Nowhere Emporium', an exciting adventure story full of magic, awe and wonder. We will link much of our writing to our class texts, covering text types such as: autobiography, persuasion, letters, recounts. ...

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.

Following the guidance given to schools, we are making a few changes to the way we manage home reading this term. Books will be **sent home on a Monday and need to be returned to school on Thursday** to ensure they are safe to reallocate to other children. All children have access to books online through the Bug Club reading App so please make use of this over the weekends. Log on details can be obtained from your child's class teacher if necessary. Reading is an essential tool for learning and we strongly promote reading every day for around 10 minutes. Please ensure that your child reads every day and that **you record** this in their reading record - whether it is a physical book or one from their bug club selection. At the moment it is not possible for staff to comment personally in reading records, but please be assured that they are checked weekly and children are spoken to about their progress.

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 daily fluency maths activities as well as lessons where they will learn to answer questions at a quicker pace and with increasing 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.

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. . In Geography the children will investigate the topic of the Amazon. We will be looking at the layer of the Amazon and what lies within!

In Computing we will begin the year by looking at eSafety and how to stay safe online. This will be followed by a unit based on 'Staying connected'.

This term, PE lessons will be on **Monday 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 as the majority of PE will be outside. A plastic bag for muddy footwear will come in handy. All hair should be tied back and earrings taken out. Children will return home in their PE kits and will have their school uniforms in their PE bags to be swapped and returned by their next session.

Homework will be set each week and will consist of work to consolidate learning such as spellings, reading and mathematics (in particular times tables) on J2e. Homework books will not be used this term. The homework will be set on J2E on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Wednesday. I will mark the homework and record who has completed it. This will be monitored during the first few weeks. No half term projects will be set at this time. This will be reviewed during the term following guidance from the Government carefully.

As Year 6 is a SATs year, there will be extra homework tasks that will support them in their knowledge and learning to assist them with this.

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

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries via admin email or arrange a telephone call.

Let's have a positive and great start to this school year!
Yours sincerely,

Miss Keep
Year 6 Class Teacher

