



Year 6 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2nd half 2023

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and child will find useful.

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

Dudley – Mr Irwin, Miss V, Mrs Peverall and Mrs Hoorra

Warwick – Mr McMahon and Mrs Jackson

Windsor – Miss Beardmore, Miss Warner and Mr McClean

Cardiff – Mr Dawson and Mrs Morgan

Senior Lead TA – Mrs Lewis

Maths

This half term, we will be having a large focus on fractions involving adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and finding fractions of an amount. Following this, we will be learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals before moving onto percentages. All of these play a crucial role in the arithmetic paper and these skills are then applied to the reasoning papers so any additional practise at home will be greatly beneficial for the children.

English

Our focus for this half term will be on honing our writing skills and writing a variety of non-narrative texts such as recounts and non-chronological reports. We will also be studying techniques for creating suspense in narrative writing. Each week, we will be focusing on specific elements of good writing and how to use them effectively to improve our writing. In addition, we will be thinking carefully about how we can edit and improve our writing using peer and teacher feedback.

In spellings we will continue to focus on the common exception words and the year 5 and 6 lists.

Reading

In SQUIRT (Super Quality Uninterrupted Independent Reading Time), we will continue to read *The Clockwork Sparrow* by Katherine Woodfine.

Science

Our focus for this half term is 'Classifying living things'. This involves understanding how to classify different animals depending on their features, understanding the difference between an animal cell and a plant cell, looking at Linnaeus' ways of classification and to understand how to classify both vertebrates and invertebrates.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

Our History topic is World War One. We will be learning about the causes, where it was fought, what life was like on the Western Front, what life was like on the Home Front and the consequences. This topic is usually a favourite for the children so I hope you will all have lots of enthusiasm as well.

P.E.

Our focus will be;

- Social
- developing their understanding of movement through dance and tag rugby.



- developing their understanding of how to better themselves athletically.

PE will take place on the following days:

Warwick – Thursday (Outdoor) and Friday (Indoor)

Windsor – Monday (Outdoor) and Friday (Indoor)

Dudley – Thursday (Indoor) and Friday (Outdoor)

Cardiff – Thursday (Indoor) and Friday (Outdoor)

We will be changing for PE after lunch on those days so please ensure that your child comes into school wearing correct school uniform. As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your child has a suitable, plain navy-blue, zip-up tracksuit top and plain navy-blue jogging bottoms to ensure that they are warm enough as well as trainers with good grip in case the playground is wet.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

Snacks

The school continues to acknowledge the importance of good nutrition as an aid to learning. Therefore, can we please remind you that any snacks for break should be healthy e.g. fruit or vegetables.

We look forward to another super term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Irwin

Year 6 Year Leader