

Year 6 Newsletter
Spring 1
2025

Well done to everybody for a great first term! We are looking forward to an exciting Spring term full of lots of interesting topics.

English

Our class novel for this term is *Carrie's War* - a story that follows two young London evacuees, Carrie and her younger brother Nick, to a Welsh village. We will be using our class novel to explore more complex inference and develop the skill of recording our ideas concisely. We will be writing letters in character, linked to our new topic, World War Two. We will continue to be learning and practising many grammar and punctuation skills including active and passive voice, parenthesis and using more advanced punctuation such as colons, semi-colons, dashes and hyphens.

Maths

Our main focus for this half-term will be fractions, decimals and percentages. We will begin by learning to calculate with decimals, before moving onto finding percentages of amounts and converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. Later this half-term, the children will take their mock SATs booklets home and it would be really helpful if you could spend some time looking through the papers with your children.

Topic

As part of our new unit, we will be finding out how life in Britain changed, especially for children, during World War II, with a focus on children's experiences as evacuees. The children will research the countries involved in the war and their leaders. Our artwork will look at examples of effective propaganda from the time, before the children create their own persuasive poster using the technique of printing.

Additionally, we will be having a World War II themed day, where the children will have the opportunity to dress up as an evacuee and experience what life was like during the war.

Science

Our Science this half-term will focus on electricity. We will begin by looking at the symbols used for electrical circuits before building our own circuits, using our understanding of how they work to alter the brightness of bulbs and the volume of buzzers. Finally, we will design and make our own Morse Code machine using what we have learnt in this unit.

French

We will begin the half term by practising our French dictionary skills followed by developing our language around hobbies.

PE

This half-term the children will be developing their tag rugby and gymnastic skills. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit into school. We will be continuing to have PE lessons outside despite the cold weather, so please ensure that your child has tracksuit bottoms and a school sweatshirt. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery during PE lessons for safety reasons so please ensure your child removes any jewellery before coming to school on PE days.

Planners

The children are using their planners to inform you about what is happening during school. Please remember to check your child's planner each day and to sign their planner at the weekend. Please also record any reading you have seen your child doing at home.

Homework

English or topic-based homework will usually be given out on Friday, to be returned the following Monday. Maths homework will be given on Wednesday to be returned by Friday. We are using these opportunities for the children to consolidate their understanding of fundamental skills so it is incredibly important that it is completed. In addition, children should be regularly reading their books at home and practising their times tables and division facts using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Holder, Mrs Boyd, Ms Henry and Mrs Firth