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TO LEARNING**

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. I am delighted to be back teaching Year 6 and both **Natasha** and I are looking forward to teaching your children. Having taught the majority of the class in Year 3, I know how keen and enthusiastic they are. It should be a great year!

This half term our **topic** is the **Great War**, dealing with British involvement in World War 1. We will be using the book *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo to look at how British soldiers suffered during the war, and the attitudes of the public towards the war. Our **science** topic is **Light**. We will be looking at how light travels and how we are able to see. In Maths we will be looking at place value before revising the four operations.

Year 6 children will be set a **homework project** related to their topic every half term. More details will follow next week. There will also be **weekly spellings** to learn. Spellings will go home on a **Monday** beginning **September 13th**. Use Look, cover, write and check to help your children learn these!

We are (unfortunately) working under the assumption that we will be sitting SATs exams in May. We will be preparing for these throughout the year, looking at mathematical reasoning, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) and reading comprehension. Please make sure your child reads regularly. Ask your child questions to check their understanding about what they have read and to see if they can make predictions about the story. We will be practising these skills during guided reading every day but practise at home is invaluable.

PE is on **Thursdays**- please ensure your child has a fully **labelled** PE kit and brings it to school on these days as this is an invaluable lesson. We will also be **swimming at Brixton Rec** every **Friday** until the end of the Autumn term, starting on the **10th of September**. Please make sure your child has their swimming costume, goggles and a towel with them!

Our school timetable has changed this year. School starts at **8:45am** and finishes at **3.00pm**. If someone different is picking up your child after school please inform the office who will then inform me.

Finally, I am delighted to announce we will be competing in the Architecture in Schools competition this year. We will be working with a team of professional architects to tackle this year's brief: **a celebration city**. We will be visiting some local landmarks for inspiration as part of this project. I will keep you posted when I know where we are going and when!

Dates for the diary:

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting- Thursday 16th September @5:00pm

Y6 Coffee Morning- Tuesday 21st September @ 8:55am (Studio)

If you have any queries or worries, please feel free to email me at Christopher.marley@reay.lambeth.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Chris Marley and Natasha Harriott

Literacy	<p>Write a diary based on life in the trenches</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zgs3r82</p> <p>Try creating some war poetry based on the Great War</p> <p>https://www.poetryfoundation.org/articles/70139/the-poetry-of-world-war-i</p> <p>Write a letter home to your family from the front line</p> <p>https://www.arthursletters.com/ww1-letters---may-1915.html</p>
Maths	<p>Can you adapt a WW1 recipe using your knowledge of proportion and ratio?</p> <p>http://cookit.e2bn.org/historycookbook/114-trench-stew.html</p> <p>How much would it cost to kit out a soldier for the front lines?</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zsg47ty</p> <p>There are some more excellent maths activities on this website:</p> <p>http://www.hmdt.org.uk/hmdtmusic/trenchbrothersteaching/mathematics/</p>
Science	<p>Can you design your own WW1 periscope?</p> <p>http://www.empirefaithwar.com/learning-resources/education-zone/kids-activities/trench-periscope</p> <p>Can you design a WW1 trench torch?</p> <p>https://www.science-sparks.com/diy-torch-light-simple-circuit/</p> <p>More fantastic WW1-related science ideas can be found here:</p> <p>http://www.hmdt.org.uk/hmdtmusic/trenchbrothersteaching/science/</p>
Art	<p>Can you create a WW1 propaganda poster?</p> <p>Create an alternate design for the uniform worn by the British Army</p> <p>Create a war scene in the style of John Nash</p> <p>Create a trench painting in the style of John Singer Sargent</p>
D.T	<p>Design your own trench using a shoebox</p> <p>Create a replica of a WW1 gas mask</p> <p>Create a working model of a WW1 tank</p> <p>Cook a WW1 meal:</p> <p>https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/recipes-world-war-i-help-consume-foods-flew-shelves-amid-pandemic-stockpiling-180974679/</p>
Comp.	<p>Create a trench-escape game on Scratch</p>