



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all managed to have a relaxing break. This half-term promises to be a busy one; as well as catching up on learning from Year 5 we will be ramping up work on reasoning, problem solving and comprehension with the Tests-That-Must-Not-Be-Named on the horizon.

To begin with it's worth reiterating the necessary changes that have been made to our school timetable. Pupils will have to wear school uniform again from this week. Please also make sure your child has a waterproof jacket with them every day as the weather is very changeable. Year 6 will start the day at 8:30am and finish at 2:45pm. Please try to ensure that your child is on time for school as we begin work as soon as we enter the classroom. I know parents may have siblings in other year groups with different drop-off times; we will try our best to accommodate this. All students will continue to have lunch in their classrooms. Harrisons have sent through their menu for those children who have school meals. Please make sure your child has a reusable water bottle to take to and from school each day. The children will not need to wear masks in class. The school will also provide hand sanitiser so there will be no need for the children to bring in their own.

This 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. As always, Year 6 children will be set a **homework project** related to these topics- please check the attached list for some ideas. There will also be a **weekly spelling task** to learn. This won't be a list of words to remember but will focus on spelling rules and using words in context. **PE** is every Monday and Friday- please ensure your child has a fully **labelled** PE kit and brings it to school on these days. We will have a specialist coach doing interval training with the children each Friday- perfect for keeping fit! In Harmony will also continue to run this half-term for those children who play instruments.

Please make sure your child reads regularly. Ask your child questions to check their understanding of what they have read, see if they can make predictions about the story and understand character motives and feelings. We will be reading in class in guided reading groups during the week and completing a reading comprehension once a week. The children will be able to take home books from our school library and class book corner to read independently.

Due to social distancing guidelines, parents will no longer be able to enter the school building. This will pose difficulties for parents wanting to get in touch with me. If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to email me at the address below:

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Please note I will not be free to check my emails during class time. If you need to contact the school about something urgent, please ring the office.

Finally, I want to say that last half-term was very hard on the class. We have had to adjust to a new way of learning to adhere to new safety guidelines; we have had to adjust to a new, compressed timetable; and we have had to work extremely hard to try to close the gaps caused by 6 months out of the classroom. I want you all to know how proud I am of them. Their hard-work and enthusiasm has made a very challenging time that much easier for everyone. They are awesome. Thank you.

Chris Marley, Kate Hartill 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>