



**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 revising 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.

This half term our **topic** is the **Oval During the Blitz**. We will be looking at how our local area was affected during the Blitz and learning about how local people lived during the worst days of WW2. Our **science** topic is **Electricity**. We will be constructing circuits and investigating how different components work with a series circuit. In Maths we will be looking at long division before going on to look at fractions, ratio and proportion. We will also be using these skills practically by cooking some wartime recipes!

Year 6 children will be set a **homework project** related to their topic every half term. Please find attached some ideas on the other side of this sheet. We will also be **weekly spellings** to learn. Spellings will go home on a **Monday** and be tested on a Friday. 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. Please make sure your child has their swimming costume, goggles and a towel with them.

Finally, a note on the Architecture in Schools competition. We visited the Museum of London last half term and learned about our brief: redesign the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens! As part of the project, we will be hosting two workshops in class on Thursday 4 and Thursday 11th of November. There will be no PE on these days.

Dates for the diary:

Reveal of the lights we designed at Squire and Partner, Brixton- Thursday 4th November at 4:30pm

Architecture in Schools workshops (in class)- Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th November

Trip to Army Museum: Wednesday 8th December

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 a child's evacuation experience</p> <p>Create a persuasive poster urging people to use the Kennington Park Shelter</p> <p>Record a speech in the style of Winston Churchill to react to the bombing</p> <p>http://www.winstonchurchill.org/resources/speeches</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/32/a2714032.shtml</p> <p>http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/london-in-the-second-world-war</p> <p>http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-blitz</p>
Maths	<p>Recipes for wartime meals and foods (ratio + proportion)</p> <p>http://recipespastandpresent.org.uk/wartime.php</p> <p>Create a wartime "weekly shopping" basket (decimal addition/ imperial and metric measures)</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world_war2/food_and_shopping/</p> <p>Create a ration diary for a family during the war (decimal multiplication)</p> <p>http://www.recipespastandpresent.org.uk/wartime/?page_id=75</p> <p>Design a back-yard Anderson shelter (area and volume) from the fantastic NORTHERN IRISH www.secondworldwarni.org site.</p> <p>http://www.secondworldwarni.org/primaryschools/docs/Unit%203%20Activity%20Pack.pdf</p>
Science	<p>Experiment: live on WW2 rations for a week.</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/topics/rationing_in_ww2</p>
Art	<p>Henry Moore WW2 art:</p> <p>http://www.tate.org.uk/art/artworks/moore-grey-tube-shelter-n05706</p> <p>Design a propaganda poster urging people to use public shelters</p> <p>http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/online-exhibitions/history-of-the-battle-of-britain/air-raid-shelter-protection.aspx</p>
D.T	<p>Build your own Anderson Shelter</p> <p>http://www.secondworldwarni.org/primaryschools/docs/Unit%203%20Activity%20Pack.pdf</p> <p>Assemble an evacuee suitcase</p>
Comp.	<p>Create a wireless radio programme</p> <p>Create a Churchill speech using an animated Churchill!</p> <p>http://www.reallusion.com/crazytalk/default.html</p> <p>Create a Scratch game</p> <p>https://scratch.mit.edu/</p> <p>(e.g. scape your house after a bombing raid)</p> <p>https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/16215228</p>