



Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th - 15th November - Anti-bullying Week - Choose Respect (Wear Odd Socks on Tuesday 12th November!)

Monday 11th - 15th November – Year 6 School Journey

Wednesday 20th November – Year 6 trip to Chislehurst Caves (packed lunch required)

Tuesday 3rd December - Year 3 and 4 Winter Shows (6.30pm)

Thursday 5th December - Year 5 and 6 Winter Shows (6.30pm)

Saturday 7th December - Winter Fair

Wednesday 11th December - Panto (Years 1-6)

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December - KS1 Winter Show (2pm)

Tuesday 17th December - EYFS Winter Show (2.30pm)

Friday 20th December - Last day of term

SPRING TERM - Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Children return to school

ENGLISH

READING

This term, we will be reading *Goodnight Mr Tom* by Michelle Magorian. The story centres on a boy who is evacuated to the countryside from London after the outbreak of World War 2. The book explores a range of powerful themes, including friendship, trust and resilience.

WRITING

Over the next few weeks, we will be using the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse', a historical mystery set during an air raid in World War 2, to write our own recounts.

MATHS

Our main areas of focus this half term are:

- Short division and long division
- Fractions (including adding, subtracting, multiplying fractions and dividing fractions by whole numbers)

You can find our calculation policy and a copy of the Year 6 curriculum on the school's website.

Please encourage your child to play TTrackstars regularly and complete their weekly maths home learning.

SPELLING

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be practised during our early morning sessions (from 8:45am - 9:00am) across a two-week cycle. The children will be tested on these words on the Friday of the second week.

Our first focus will be converting nouns or verbs into adjectives using the suffix 'ful'. E.g. beautiful and doubtful

SCIENCE

This half-term, the children will learn about the human circulatory system, focusing on how nutrients and water are transported around the body, and exploring how diet, exercise and drugs can affect the heart and how it functions.

PE

This half-term, the focus will remain with gymnastics in Indoor PE and changes to hockey in Outdoor PE. Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lessons:

6T - Wednesdays and Thursdays

6A - Tuesdays and Thursdays

COMPUTING

In computing, we will explore computer systems and networks: this will include the history of computers and the importance of code breaking at Bletchley Park during World War 2. We will design our own computer of the future and create an audio advert.

HISTORY

In history, we will be exploring what the impact of World War 2 was on the people of Britain. This will include exploring the Battle of Britain, the Blitz, evacuation, and the impact WW2 had on women's lives. We will also complete a local study of how Forest Hill was changed by WW2 bombings.

DT / Art

This half term, we will be focusing on DT via the digital world. The children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of product designs and their briefs, before developing and completing a 3D CAD model using Tinkercad.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning continues to be an important part of Year 6 as we begin to prepare the children for secondary school:

Maths Home Learning - taken home on Fridays and returned on the following Friday.

English Home Learning (reading and grammar) - set on Fridays and due in by the following Friday.

Spellings – these are taken home on the 1st Friday of the two-week cycle. See spelling blurb on the left of the page for more information.

Finally. . .

If you need to get in contact with us, please do so during school hours only: 8:00am - 6:00pm (Monday - Friday) and we will respond as soon as we can.

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