

Year 6 Bears Newsletter-Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you all had a lovely holiday and the children are excited for a busy and important year ahead. I am looking forward to teaching your children and I am sure they are ready to do their best and work hard towards the high expectations set by Miss Creigh and myself. In the first term, I will teach every day except Tuesday afternoons where children will have PE with Mr Packer, supported by Mrs Goode, and RE with Mrs Berry. On Thursday afternoons, I will teach both Year 6 classes PE and Miss Creigh will teach both classes computing.

Mrs Goode (formerly Miss Pickett) will be the teaching assistant in Bears class this year and Mrs Jones will be working across both Year 6 classes. Between them they will provide a wide range of support including interventions, focused teaching in small groups and extension activities.

If you have any questions or queries I am usually available on the playground before or after school so please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss Dannell

Outline of the curriculum

Literacy

We will use a range of texts this term, all with a World War II theme to link to our history topic. Texts will include 'Sam's Spitfire Summer', 'The Little Ships' and a range of Blitz themed poetry. Genres of writing will include journalistic writing, recount, narrative, discussion and instructions. We will also do regular spelling practice, grammar work, handwriting practice and spelling work. Extended writing sessions will take place regularly to ensure we have a wide range of evidence to support teacher assessment for writing.

Numeracy

Topics this term will include place value up to 10 000 000; values of decimal digits; multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000; conversion between units of measurement; rounding; co-ordinates in all 4 quadrants; translation of shape; 3d shape and order of operations (BODMAS). We will also complete investigative and problem solving activities; arithmetic sessions and times tables practice.

Science

Living things and their habitats - classifying micro-organisms, plants and animals.

Computing

We will begin with a short unit in which the children learn some basic coding skills, enabling them to create their own Star Wars game. We then continue to develop our coding skills through a range of activities on Purple Mash using 2Code.

PE

Tag rugby and netball will be this term's activities and PE lessons will take place Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has their kit for these days. Kit consists of a plain red T-shirt, plain black shorts, trainers and black plimsolls for indoor sessions. As the weather begins to get colder, the children are also permitted to bring a tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons. Please mark every item with your child's name. If your child wears stud earrings, please remember that these need to be removed or covered for lessons.

RE (Taught by Mrs Berry)

Our first unit of work this year studies Judaism focusing on the Menorah, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukkah and Pesach.

History

This will be a local study looking at the impact of World War II in the area. We will focus on evacuation, Operation Dynamo, the Battle of Britain, rationing and Operation Fortitude. I am in the process of planning some educational visits to support the topic: we will hopefully visit the Wartime tunnels at Ramsgate and hopefully the Spitfire Memorial at Capel-Le-Ferne where the children will experience the Home Front bus. More details to follow shortly.

Art

In art, we will be completing various pieces using different media based on the work of artist Keith Haring.

PSHE

New beginnings - finding out about each other at the start of the school year.

French

Our unit 'Notre Ecole' (our school) focuses on places around school, school subjects, time and describing teachers.

Homework

Homework and spellings will continue to be set every Thursday, to be handed in and tested on the following Tuesday. In addition to tasks set each week, please practise times tables and also encourage daily reading which should be recorded in their Home School Record book.

Further details about the residential trip to Hindleap will follow in a separate letter very shortly. Please note there will be an information meeting for parents on Monday 11th September at 3.30pm. This will be led by a member of staff from the centre and Miss Creigh and I will also provide additional information.

Dates for the Diary



- 11th Sept- Hindleap meeting 3.30pm
- 14th Sept- Legacy Day (10 children from each Y6 class)
- 22nd Sept- Fruit Run
- 25th - 29th Sept- Hindleap Residential
- 3rd Oct- Individual photos
- 12th Oct- Kent Test results
- 20th Oct- Inset Day
- 23rd - 27th Oct- Half term