

Y6 Wolves Newsletter

Term 1 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday and that the children are well rested and raring to go for an important and busy year ahead. I am really looking forward to teaching your children and have high expectations for each and every one of them to work hard and do their very best. I will teach the children most of the week except for Tuesday afternoons when they will have PE with Mr Packer and then French with Mrs Berry and Wednesday afternoons when Mrs Berry will teach science. On Thursday afternoons Miss Dannell will teach both Year 6 classes PE and I will teach both classes computing. Mrs Douglas and Mrs Jones will be the TA's in Year 6 Wolves providing a wide range of support including interventions, focused teaching in small groups and extension activities.

Diary dates

Thursday 7th September - Kent Test

Monday 11th September - Hindleap information meeting 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th September Year 6 'Meet the teacher' 2.45pm

Monday 25th - Friday 29th September - Hindleap residential trip

Tuesday 3rd October - individual photos

Monday 16th October - Year 6 first aid sessions

Thursday 19th October - last day of Term 1

Year 6 Curriculum content

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; 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

Netball and tag rugby will be this term's activities and PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. 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 for lessons or covered with micropore.

RE

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 an educational visit to support the topic: we will hopefully visit the War Tunnels in Ramsgate and the Spitfire Memorial at Capel-Le-Ferne, where the children will also experience the Home Front bus. More details to follow shortly.

Art

In art we will be completing working using a variety of media, focusing on the 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 be set every Thursday, to be handed in or tested on the following Tuesday. Children will write down their homework each week in their Home School Record book so you are also aware of what they should be doing! In addition to tasks set each week please practise times tables and also encourage daily reading which should also 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 I will also provide additional information.

If you have any questions or queries please pop in or I can also be contacted via email:

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Kind regards,

Miss Creigh, Mrs Berry, Mrs Douglas and Mrs Jones