

# **Y6 Wolves Newsletter**

*Term 1 2016*



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 all week with except for Tuesday afternoons when they will have PE with Mr Packer and Wednesday afternoons when Mrs Berry will teach science. Mrs Berry, Mrs Douglas and Mrs Jones will be the TA's in Year 6 providing a wide range of support including interventions, focused teaching in small groups and extension activities.

## **Diary dates**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September- Kent Test

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 'Meet the teacher' 2.45pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Hindleap information meeting

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Hindleap residential trip

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - individual photos

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - NSPCC workshop

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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; 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**

Dance, basketball and handball will be this term's activities and PE lessons will take place all of Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure that your child has their kit for this day otherwise they will miss all their PE for the entire week. 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 some educational visits to support the topic: we will hopefully visit the Wartime tunnels at Dover Castle and hopefully the Spitfire Memorial at Capel-Le-Ferne where the children will experience the Home Front bus and the war tunnels in Ramsgate. More details to follow shortly.

## **Art**

In art we will be completing optical illusion themed work, focusing mainly on the artist Bridget Riley.

## **Music**

This term we will be exploring rounds.

## **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 now be set every Thursday, to be handed in or 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 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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