

Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter - Mrs M Mort

Year 6



Welcome to Year 6, this is a really important year for you!

Please be mindful of the rules of cleanliness and social distancing within our Year 6 'bubble' - we all want to keep each other as safe as possible.

Homework will be set on a Thursday to be completed by the following Tuesday for marking, All homework will be online - pupils will be taught how to access and complete this. Reading will take place in class and books are not allowed to be taken to and from home although of course, pupils need to be reading at home with parents/guardians to improve their fluency and competence. A list of suitable topic related books will be shared with you and are in the Literacy box below.

Literacy:

We will be studying the following Collins Primary

Literacy units:

'This is Your Life' - biography & autobiography. Looking at Anne Frank's diary and their own timeline.

'Time Travelling' - short stories with flashbacks. Again linking to 'Blitz' and writing about the experiences of evacuees etc.

'Walk to School' - non-fiction, formal writing: brochures etc. Looking at WW2 propoganda posters and brochures.

We will be topic related reading novels e.g. -

'Carrie's War' - Nina Bawden, 'Diary of a Young Girl' - Anne Frank, 'Time Train to the Blitz' - Sophie McKenzie, 'Hannah's War' - Phil Caradice, 'The Silver Sword' - Ian Serraillier,

Maths:

Place Value: multiply & divide decimals mentally by 10, 100, 1000.

Multiplication & Division: understanding mental calculation, pencil & paper procedures and money & 'real life' problems. Making decisions and checking results, including using a calculator.

Fractions, decimals & percentages: ratio and proportion.

Handling Data: using a calculator.

PE & Games:

PE & Games will be on Friday.

That day pupils are to wear their school gym kit to school to reduce extra bags being brought in. Please stick to the school uniform rules.

Science:

We will be studying **Electricity / Circuits** through the following experiments:

'Can you turn a light down?' 'Can fruit light a bulb?' 'Can you send a coded message?'

ICT - we will be following the new Digital Competency Framework, this term concentrating on 'Digital Citizenship'.

Humanities:

Our topic is 'Blitz' and we will be looking at the: Main events of WW2 - timelines and the main characters.

Maps of occupied countries and the Axis & Allies powers. Map work looking at bombed areas.

Causes & effects of the blitz and why certain areas were hit. Swansea Blitz - effects in Wales.

Evacuation. Role of miners - 'Bevan Boys'.

Role of women.

Health & well-being:

Healthy eating - looking at rationing & wartime recipes.

Effects of leaving home and being sent away as an evacuee. Rights that children now have.

Effect of the 'Blitz' on people.

War songs - encouraging sense of community.

Propaganda / discrimination - Anne Frank & the Jewish community.

Expressive Arts:

Drama - role play: 'Blitz' and evacuation.

Music - singing & performing popular war songs and creating a 'Blitz' composition telling the story through music.

Art - studying the works of Will Evans, a Swansea 'Blitz' painter.