



# Year 6 Autumn Newsletter

## Our topic is World War Two



### English

In our English sessions this term we will focus on the novel, 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' by Jo Hoestlandt in Autumn 1. We will write a story with a flashback from another character's point of view. Our focus will be on using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely, using passive verbs, linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action. In Autumn 2 we will focus on the story, 'Can We Save The Tiger?', by Martin Jenkins. We will write a hybrid text including information, explanation and persuasion. Our focus will be on enhancing meaning through selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary. We will use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility and use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.



### Reading

In our Reading sessions this term we will focus on the novel, 'When we were Warriors' by Emma Carroll in Autumn 1 and 'Tyger' by SF Said in Autumn 2. We will answer reading comprehension questions based on the text focusing mainly on retrieval, inference and vocabulary questions. We will explore the different characters and storyline.

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### Maths

Our Focus for Maths in the Autumn term is Number and Place Value, alongside the Four Operations, (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division) alongside Fractions. Children will learn Numbers up to 10,000,000, Multiplication and division using formal written methods. Identify factors, multiples and prime numbers, use the order of operations. They will also recognise proper/improper fractions and mixed numbers. Add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions.

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### Arithmetic

Each Friday children will complete an arithmetic assessment to consolidate and support their learning alongside completing times table tests.

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### Maths Meetings

Maths Meetings take place 4 times a week for 10-15 minutes, alongside the children's Maths lessons. During these sessions children recap key aspects of mathematical learning, so key knowledge and skills are embedded in children's memories. We will recap skills taught in previous school years.



**ClassDojo**

Remember to check Class Dojo for updates!



More information is also available on our school website.



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### Science

In Autumn 1 we will study circuits, looking at the different electrical components, consolidating learning from Year 4. Children will identify how bulbs can be made brighter and they will conduct different investigations creating their own circuits.

In Autumn 2 we will study Living Things and their Habitats. Children will identify how animals are classified and recognise different habitats. Children will also identify the different types of microorganisms.



### History

In History this term we will study World War Two. We will study who Hitler was and how the Nazi Party rose to power. We will study why Britain went to war in 1939, looking at the events which led to the outbreak of war. Children will study the impact of war on Britain with rationing and evacuation. They will learn about what the Holocaust was and how the war ended.



### Geography

In Geography this term we will study the North and South American Continents. Children will identify America as a continent and the country USA. Compare a region of the UK with a part of North America. They will also identify the human and physical features of the USA, landmarks, population, and climate.



### Spanish

In Spanish this term we will start by reviewing the key phonics and initial sounds before learning how to introduce yourself. Children will be able to ask and answer questions relating to their name, age, where they live and family.



### Art

In Art this term we will be focusing on Watercolours and will be painting poppies to reflect those which grew in Flanders Fields in WWI. We will be looking at different brush techniques and colour mixing with water to achieve the desired shades.



### DT

In DT this term we will be studying textiles. The children will look at different fabrics and stitches to create their own small bag suitable to hold an identity card in during the war.



### Computing

In Computing this term, we will be studying coding and programming. We will look at input and output devices. Alongside this, children will programme using Micro:Bits.

E-Safety will be taught throughout Online Safety curriculum.



### Music

In Music, we will be following the Charanga Scheme of work.



### Life Skills Builder

In Autumn 1 we will look at Listening and speaking. We will discuss road safety on a bike alongside recognising why age restrictions are important. In Autumn 2 we will look at Creativity, performing in front of the class.



### PSHE

Our Autumn topic is Relationships. We will look at attraction to others; romantic relationships; civil partnerships and marriage. We will also look at expressing opinions and respecting other viewpoints, including discussing topical issues.



### RE

In RE this term, we will be looking at Forgiveness. What is meant by forgiveness and what different religions believe about forgiveness.

### What's happening this term?

Please see below the different important dates for this term.

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Spanish Day
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Big Talk
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Crafternoon and Maths Workshops
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Wear Yellow for Mental Health
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Leo's Journey Holocaust Workshop
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parents Evening Day
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Closing Date for Secondary School Applications
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Halloween Disco
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Disco (In school time)
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Raffle
- Friday 18<sup>TH</sup> December - Christmas Eve

*Any additional dates will be added onto each Class Dojo and Whole School Dojo page.*

*Below are Secondary School Open Evenings, these dates are from Doncaster Council Website and subject to change.*

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Campsmount Academy Open Evening
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Outwood Academy Adwick Open Evening
- 1<sup>st</sup> October - Don Valley Open Evening
- 1<sup>st</sup> October - Ridgewood Open Evening

If you have any questions this year, please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo.

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