

Autumn (1) Year 6

In English

- write a narrative inspired by The Journey by Francesca Sanna, and use our knowledge of evacuees in our independent writing?
- edit our writing, focusing on using a range of openers, consistent tenses and accurate punctuation?
- write poems inspired by The Blitz and Dunkirk, using a range of figurative language?
- respond to questions about Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine, developing our use of PPE answers?
- investigate a range of spelling patterns and rules, including suffixes, hyphenated words and contractions?

In maths

- read, write and order numbers to 10 million.
- compare and order numbers to 10 million.
- round numbers to a given place.
- use mixed operations
- multiply by 2 digit numbers
- divide by 2 digit numbers
- solve word problems
- factors, multiples and prime numbers

**Century and paper home learning
(alternate weeks)**

As home learners

Consolidate our maths and English from in class at home, either by written tasks or on our Century online platform.

Hook for Learning:

Year 6 will be having a WW2 day where they will dress as 1940 evacuees and have visits from a real life evacuee and a WW2 enthusiast with his American and British vehicles and artefacts.



In RE

-understand the principles and beliefs of the Jewish faith.

In computing

- understand how to keep ourselves safe when online.
- use spreadsheets to enter data, explore formatting and create graphs.

In music

- understand the role music played during the war?
- sing songs inspired by famous musicians of the 1930s and 40s?
- learn a piece of music from the swing era, and play simple riffs and melodies on tuned percussion or keyboards?

- using the same piece of music, improvise our own melodies over the top of a rhythm section backing?

In German

- Count to 12 in German and recognise the numbers in order and randomly?
- Say and identify colours in German?
- Recognise the words orally and visually?

In Science

- recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye
- explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them

- In history

- Understand how and why WW2 started?
- Learn about the importance of Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill and their roles in the war?
- Learn about the importance and impact of key events such as the Dunkirk invasion and the Battle of Britain?
- Learn about the impact of evacuation for the main British cities?

In Art/DT

- use one point perspective to draw street scenes, and use mixed media to produce a piece of art depicting the blitz?
- create our own underground shelter images inspired by the work of Henry Moore, using pencils, charcoal, chalks, pastels and wax resist?

Welcome to the Year 6 Newsletter!

Our destination reader text this half term is Hanna's suitcase by Karen Levine

This is the harrowing story about a little girl and her brother during World War 2. Hanna and her family are Jewish and this story sensitively tackles the difficult subject of the Holocaust. We will be learning about this in an age appropriate way during our topic and the children historically have shown great empathy with this subject matter, largely down to the exceptional way this book is written.

You may want to read it yourselves so that you can talk to the children about the subject matter. They are available on Amazon for about £5.

Just a gentle reminder about break time snacks. Please can the children bring in healthy snacks - no chocolate or cereal bars please and definitely no nuts!



Our PE day in Year 6 will continue to be a Tuesday and a Thursday.

Tuesday will continue to be swimming this half term. Please ensure the children have their costume and towel, same as they did in Year 5.

For Thursdays, please make sure the children have trainers and jogging bottoms, especially as the weather gets colder. Can the children also bring a change of trainers for when it is muddy.



One of our favourite Year 6 topics, World War 2, starts this half term and continues until Christmas.

If you have any artefacts/letters/photos from family members who lived through the war and you wouldn't mind sharing with your child's class, please send them in a named bag so we can have a good look and learn from REAL history as opposed to books or the internet! We will ensure they are looked after and returned in perfect condition.



Pencil cases



Children in KS2 are being encouraged to bring their own pencil case to school, fully stocked with black and blue handwriting pens (not biros), pencils,

rubbers, rulers, highlighters, glue sticks and colouring pencils.
There will be a stationery shop each week to re-stock at a much cheaper price than the high street.

Reigate Baptist church
20th July - Year 6 leavers party at school

Year 6 dates

These dates are all provisional and will be confirmed as soon as possible and you will be notified via school rush and the Y6 facebook page.

21st Sept - WW2 day in school (dressing up as evacuee)

15th & 16th November - Legotronics computing day in school

9th & 10th January - History off the page Ancient Egypt day in school (dressing up as Egyptians)

5th - 9th February- mock SATS week in school

8th - 12th May- SATS week in school

12th May - Chessington World of Adventures

5th-8th June - 2 classes to the Isle of Wight - residential - this is confirmed but not yet which classes

12th - 15th June - 2 classes to the Isle of Wight - residential - this is confirmed but not yet which classes

19th July - Leavers Assembly 6pm at