



YEAR 6

Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

Welcome to Year 6 with Mrs Gachette, Ms Beeke, Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Renner-Thomas, Ms McLean, Mrs Kelly and Ms Orekie.

We are extremely pleased to see the children again. They have been in school for a month now and the children have all settled well in their new classes and routines. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, you can do so through our Y6 email: y6@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk. Your child's class teacher will respond by email within 2 days.

In terms of jewellery, only studs are permitted and other jewellery, hair bows and nail varnish should not be worn.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

From the Y6 team.



Topic - A Child's War (WWII)

In this unit pupils will find out about the effects of the Second World War on children and families in their local area. They will consider the reasons for and results of key aspects of the war, and describe the impact of WWII on daily life in their local area. Year 6 will find out about everyday lives of people during this period and compare their own lives. Children will be able to give reasons for evacuations and understand why people had to do it.



Maths

Our focus for the Autumn term is Number- Place value, Number – Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and Fractions.

During each lesson we will have mental starters that will cover all aspects of the maths curriculum to ensure the children practice a range of mathematical skills throughout the year.



English

This term, our Talk for Writing text will be a 'flashback story'. The children will study a flashback story set in WWII, closely linked to our topic.

The outcome in English will be for children to write their own narrative with flashbacks that has a strong focus on setting description.



Routines and Reminders

PE: Every Tuesday. Children should come to school in their school tracksuit (with the logo), white t-shirt and black trainers (if you do not have a school tracksuit please make sure the children are wearing plain black or navy sportswear and not a fashion tracksuit) on their PE day. School tracksuits can be purchased through ParentPay and we will hand it to your child.

Children will also do a shorter PE lesson with their class teacher on Wednesday afternoons – please ensure children bring trainers to school.

Homework

Weekly spellings: These can be found on the school website (under the main heading Curriculum and Assessment and drop down to English) and the children will be tested on Fridays.

Daily reading: 20-30 minutes daily expectation.

Times Tables Rock Stars: This is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star children need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds! The goal is for all participating rockers to be Times Table Rock Stars after 20 weeks!

Set weekly and it runs from Saturday to Friday, everyone has 10 sessions on Garage to complete. That is 10 minutes a week, 2 minutes a day if you only do week days- so totally achievable.

Topic: A project each term will be set.

This term the project is based on WWII and the children are researching their own family history during WWII. This is due for the week beginning **15th November 2021**.

The children will be sharing the information learnt with their peers. The children can choose to present their information to the class however they wish. In the past children have chosen to share orally, via a voice recording, video recording or as a presentation. Children can be as creative as they choose! (Further detailed information has been sent separately to parents/carers.)

We really hope the children enjoy learning about their own history as part of this exciting topic!

What else will be happening in the Curriculum?

RE

During our RE lessons this term, we will be focussing on Buddhism, following the Buddha's teaching and Judaism: Abraham

PSHE

As part of our PSHCE topic, we will be looking at Hopes and Goals.

Art/DT

After a long break, we will be focussing on allowing the children to express and enjoy themselves, but also thinking about how to use the different formal elements of art and design: composition, tone, contrast, texture, and mistakes - or happy accidents!, to effectively build up a work of art. The children will start with drawings which are developed into paintings using a variety of styles and themes. From careful observational drawing to abstraction!

Music

The music lessons for the first few weeks of this term will provide a safe space for all the children in Y6 to develop their knowledge of pitch, using the huge variety of pitched percussion in the music room. The instruments will be cleaned between lessons. We will develop our reading from graphic scores and standard notation, and will incorporate layering of sounds (musical texture) in a group setting.

PE

This term's focus:

Autumn 1: Basketball

Autumn 2: Tennis

There will also be a bleep test once a term to assess the children's fitness progress.

All PE sessions will be skilled-based lessons involving minimal contact.

Spanish

Our Autumn topic is 'In Town'. This includes:

- Describing a town and saying what is there.
- Places in town.
- Cities and villages.

Science

Our Science topic is Electricity and we will be investigating how the strength of the components of a circuit affects the bulbs and buzzers and using symbols to represent components.

Computing

Our ICT sessions will cover E-Safety, Coding and Algebra.
Children will also have access to Chromebooks for research purposes.

How to help your child!

- Every week your child will be learning a new set of spellings. It is important that you learn these with your child as they will be tested the following week. Children were given the spelling sheet with the spellings up until October half term.
- It is important that you encourage your child to read daily; even better if they can read with/to you.
- Please practice times tables with your child.
- Please make sure that your child is not bringing their phone to school. We know that many children of this age will have phones and will be using messaging apps (many of which are age-restricted – we would encourage you to check on the apps your children are accessing). We encourage you to talk to your children regularly about the content of the messages they are sending so they understand about appropriate messaging.

Educational Visits in Year 6 this term:

Due to Covid, HMS Belfast, Churchill War Rooms and a lot of the places we usually visit are not accepting school visits. However, we have provisionally booked an immersive World War II workshop after half term with the Splat Theatre and a visit to the Imperial War Museum.

Year 6 will also be visited by the Charity 'Narconon Drug Prevention and Education' for a workshop.

Further details will follow soon.