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## Year 6 Autumn 2 2020



UNCRC Article 29 Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your continued support during this last half term. We have another busy and exciting half term ahead of us in the run up to Christmas. Our topic for this half term is World War II and lots of our learning will be linked to this topic:

**Design Technology** - Structures: Using their knowledge of materials, children will make an air raid shelter.

**Geography** - Europe: A study of central and the East including Russia. We will also learn about a significant event in history (Chernobyl) which has had a lasting effect of the physical and human geography of the area.

**History** - Why was winning the Battle of Britain in 1940 so important? Children will evaluate a range of primary and secondary sources to explain why Britain faced the risk of an invasion in June 1940.

### **Other Curriculum subjects:**

In **English** this half term, we will be using the class novel 'Waiting for Anya' by Michael Morpurgo as a basis for our English work. This story is set in France during WW2, where a small village work together to help Jewish children cross the border (Pyrenees) into Spain. We will look carefully at the author's style of writing, at character and setting descriptions as well as writing our own chapters for the story. We will continue with daily reading, comprehension activities, grammar and punctuation and consolidating spelling rules and patterns.

**Maths** - As every half term we have a wealth of objectives that need to be covered over the next few weeks. Children will need to be able to use formal written calculations confidently, particularly for long multiplication and division as well as being able to problem solve, use, and apply the maths being taught. A key aspect of maths this term is fractions and we will be focusing on improper fractions and mixed numbers as well as adding fractions. We will also look at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

It is really important that the children spend time learning their multiplication tables and related division facts, as well as number bonds, as these are key to much of the maths work that the children encounter every day. Children can practise these skills in a variety of different ways and using the internet, on sites such as 'speed challenge', 'Maths Is Fun' and 'Conquermaths'.





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**Science** - Biology: Animals including humans. We will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system; describing the functions of the heart and also looking at the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function.

**ICT** - Computer Science: We will be writing and designing programmes using Kodu. We will look at a range of ways to create our own worlds and programme a Kodu to do a range of tasks. We will also continue to use Teams in school to ensure they are confident in accessing and uploading all their work.

**PSHCE** - The theme for this half term is 'Getting on and falling out'. Anti-bullying week is also this half term. This unit helps us to realise the consequences of antisocial and aggressive behaviours, such as bullying and racism on individuals and communities.

**R.E.** - What do the gospels tell us about the birth of Jesus? We will be investigating the significance of Christmas Story, Christian symbols and practises today.

**Spanish** - We will be learning to describe the weather and what a particular Spanish city is famous for. There will also be many opportunities to look at Christmas vocabulary too.

**P.E.** - This will be on Tuesday afternoons. Our focus this half term will be Grid Rugby. Please can children come to school in their P.E. kits on this day.

Thank you for your support with helping your child to complete their homework and especially for all your help with guiding your child through the use of Teams over the half term holidays; it was lovely to see all the wonderful presentations, art work and Ancient Greek raps the children had created! We will continue to use this as a way to set some of the homework over this next half term too. Homework and any additional work your child can do at home on the sites mentioned above will be of great benefit to consolidate skills learnt in class and ensure they are constantly revisiting skills and concepts. Homework will generally be given out on a Friday to be returned to school for the following **Tuesday**. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum further, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Brentnall, Mrs Claydon, Mrs Wall and Ms Jones

