

Welcome back Year 6!

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break - I look forward to hearing all about what you have done over the summer holidays. As you are aware, this is the start of your final year in Elton Primary, so I hope you are all feeling refreshed and recharged, and ready to work hard. We have many interesting topics to cover this year, and I'm really excited to get started on them with you. There will be a huge focus on developing, securing and applying skills you have learnt previously, especially in English and Maths, to ensure you can work to the best of your ability.

#### PE

This term we will have two PE lessons a week, one delivered by myself on Wednesday afternoon, and the other with Mr Wynne on a Friday afternoon. You must have the correct PE kit in school for both of these days. I would recommend bringing it in at the start of the week, then taking it home to be washed on the Friday afternoon.

#### Adults

We are lucky enough to have Mrs West and Mrs Deakin with us this term. Mrs West will be in class every morning and afternoon. She will be assisting me, and will be giving help and guidance to those children in class who require additional support. Mrs Deakin will be covering and delivering lessons on Thursday afternoon this term, where she will be teaching RE and Music.

#### Homework, Spellings and Reading

Your Learning Log and maths homework will be given out on a Friday and are to be returned the following Wednesday. Occasionally, I may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time, such as a mini-project, but you will be told about this at the time.

We are keen on developing a love of reading this year. Reading books should be changed frequently and your reading record and reading book should be brought in everyday so that we can keep track of the books you are reading; a wide selection of books of all genres is available in the KS2 library. Reading records will be checked on a Monday and Thursday, and I expect to see that you have read at least three times a week- it is very important that you read as much as possible. Finally, spellings for the entire term will be glued into Learning Logs during the first week of term and I expect you to be practising these independently, week by week.

If you wish to contact me, please use the [year6@elton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year6@elton.cheshire.sch.uk) email or see me at the end of the day.  
Mr Grierson

## Wars Over Time



### Conflict and Resolution Is it ever right to fight?

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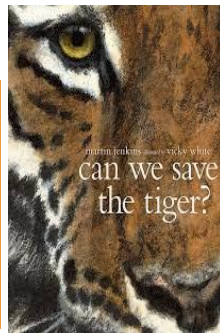
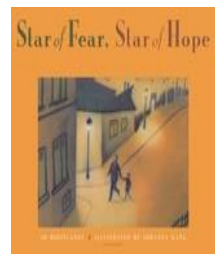
Our first topic will focus on wars across time  
including WWI and WWII.

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on the topic of 'Light' (linking this to WW2 searchlights) particularly looking at how light travels, different sources of light and how we see objects. Next term, we will be focusing on 'Classifying Living Things' where we will look at how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics, based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals.

This year, we will teach art and DT in blocks at the end of the half terms. In **Art**, we will focus on using oil pastels and chalk, looking at WW2 searchlight art and LS Lowry Blitz painting. After half term, we will focus on **DT** where we will design and create shadow puppets.

In **English**, we will be focusing our learning around a book called Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt, which is focused upon World War II. Throughout the term, we will focus on diaries, letters and narratives, as well as completing extended writing within our topic work. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of grammatical terms and look at how to apply these skills correctly. After half term, we will be reading the book 'Can we save the tiger?' by Martin Jenkins. We will also be reading 'When we were Warriors' by Emma Carroll and 'Into the Jungle' by Katherine Rundell, to support our English work.

In **Maths**, we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme of work. We will start the year with work on number place value and then spend several weeks on the four operations of number. In the second half term, we will look at fractions and decimals including equivalents, and measurements including converting units.



Our class novels to read this term will be 'An Eagle in the Snow' by Michael Morpurgo, and 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through our topic of wars over time. We will look at famous wars in history specifically focusing on World War I and II. We will look at physical geography through a local history study focusing on how the wars impacted our local area. In history, we will look at the outbreak of the wars, key changes such as evacuation and rationing and other major events such as the Battle of Britain and The Blitz. Next term, we will focus on geography looking at climate zones, land use patterns, changes over time and how animals have been affected by humans.



In **French**, we will continue to develop our skills in conversational French including discussing our everyday routines.

In **Music**, we will have weekly sessions focusing on different music genres. We will begin the unit with the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams, before moving onto classroom jazz.



In **R.E** during the Autumn term, we will be learning about Christianity. We will look at their religious buildings and music. We will also be focusing on how and why Christians worship and compare this to worship covered in other religions.

In PE, we will be covering invasion games such as netball and basketball, and looking at striking and fielding through cricket. After half term, we will be looking at understanding healthy lives and improving our fitness, along with movement through dance.

In **Computing**, we will be looking at Internet Safety. What is cyber bullying and how can we deal with it? What privacy rules should we use online and how can we be a good digital citizen? After half term, we will be creating a webpage which includes information about growing up in a digital world.

