

Love Learning, Love Life
Always Aiming High

Welcome

We have a great term planned to start 2017 off. Our main focus is going to be World War 1.

PE

This term we will be having games sessions on a Monday and dance sessions on a Friday. Don't forget your PE kits for both days.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Like last term, there will be two pieces of homework a week. Numeracy goes out on Wednesday and is in on Friday. On Friday we will hand out 'learning log' homework. This is due in the following Tuesday, however, occasionally we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time, such as a mini-project. If the homework days ever change (this did sometimes happen last term) the children will still be given the same amount of time to complete the homework.

Spelling lists will also be sent home once a week to be learnt in time for our weekly spelling tests.

As always, reading is the cornerstone of all learning. We recommend reading a wide range of texts at home and at school. Also, although many of the children are reading longer 'chapter books', they should still be aiming to change their book as often as possible.



'Conflict'



Year Six Learning Letter

Spring Term

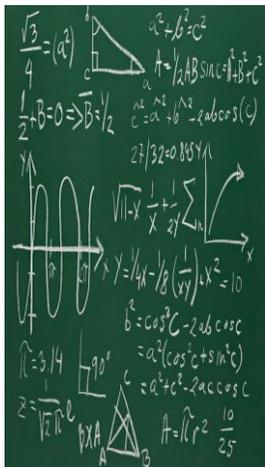
This term our topic will be about The Great War. We will start by looking at how it all began and then move onto how the conflict affected different groups of people.

In **Art** we will be making 3D sculptures. Specifically, we will be designing dioramas based on war memorials.

In **DT** We will be cooking! We will follow some wartime recipes.



In **English** we will be basing our work around the book 'The Selfish Giant'. We will be focusing on non-chronological reports and story writing. We will also be learning and applying a range of grammar skills into our writing. These skills include using bullet points for note making; relative clauses for parenthesis; commas to clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity; and expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely.



In **maths** we will be focusing on a wide range of skills. In number we will study percentages and ratios; in shapes we will look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes; and in measures we will look at solving problems that require us to convert from one metric measurement to another. Throughout all sessions we will continue to reinforce paper and pen methods for multiplication and division.

In our **history** lessons, we will be studying The Great War. How did it begin? What was life like for men, women and children at home and on the front line? How did the British Government use propaganda as a tool to motivate the nation? And finally, who were significant figures during this famous conflict? The **geography** work we will undertake will involve locating on a map the main countries involved in The Great War and learning about their landscape features.



In **RE** we will be studying Judaism and Christianity.

In Judaism we will be looking at synagogues, The Torah, Moses and beliefs.

In Christianity we will look at the life of Jesus Christ. Through reading parables we will learn about what he taught people. We will also learn about the key events of his life.

This term I will be teaching striking and fielding skills and strategies on a Monday afternoon as part of our games sessions. On a Friday afternoon, Mrs Edwards will be teaching dance: the theme will be sporting movements.



In **computing** we will be using Movie-Maker to design adverts and 'news style' videos based on World War One. We will also be learning about how the Internet works by following the route a packet of information takes.



In **Music** we will be learning how to improvise music. We will also be learning how to perform the rap to the one and only Fresh Prince of Bel Air!