

*Love Learning, Love Life
Always Aiming High*



Welcome to our first term in Year 6,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready to work hard this term! We have lots to learn and I am very excited about the topics we will be covering over the year. There will be a huge focus upon number strategies this half term; everybody must have quick recall of their times tables (in and out of order) to help us undertake complex sums more efficiently.

PE

*This year, Y6 will go swimming this year due to missing it in Y5 - you will need to make sure you bring the correct kit for this. Swimming will take place on a **Thursday** afternoon.*

Adults

Mrs Baldwin will be with us every morning for half of the morning and she will also cover the class one afternoon a week. During this afternoon she will take the class swimming and also teach P4C.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Learning Log and maths homework will be given out on a Friday and are to be returned on a Wednesday. Occasionally, we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time such as a mini-project. Reading books should be changed frequently and do not forget to bring your reading record and reading book in everyday so that we can keep track of the books you are reading. Reading records will be checked on a Tuesday and a Friday 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 people to be practising these week by week.

If you wish to contact me then please use the year6@elton.cheshire.sch.uk email or catch me at the end of the day.

Mrs McDonnell

Wars Over Time



Conflict and Resolution
Is it ever right to fight?

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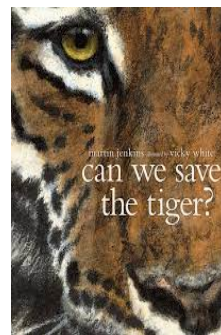
Our first topic will focus on wars across time including WWI and WWII.

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 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 which is focused upon World War II. Throughout the term, we will focus on diaries, letters and narratives 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?'

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 equivalentents.



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 animal species around the world, 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.



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 swimming lessons for the first term. This will account for both hours of PE due to missing swimming in Year 5. These lessons will go on for as long as needed.

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 coding using the free to download program - Scratch.

