

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High



Welcome to our first term in Year 6,

I hope 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

Like last year, Danielle (PE coach) will be teaching one session of PE and I will be teaching the other. **You must have your PE kit with you for both lessons.** It may be best to bring your kit in on a Monday and take it home on a Friday so that you always have it ready for our lessons!

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Learning Log and maths homework will be given out on a Friday and are to be returned for 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** twice a week. 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.

Miss Mathison

World War II



Conflict and Resolution
Is it ever right to fight?

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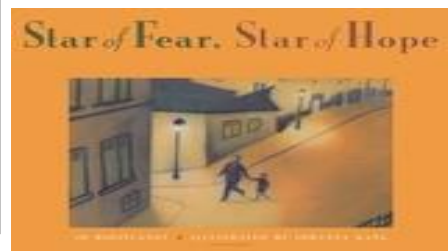
Our first topic will focus on World War II and the main events that led to Victory in Europe Day.

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.

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 World War 2. We will look at physical geography through a local history study focusing on how WW2 impacted our local area. In history, we will look at the outbreak of the war, 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 **PE**, we will be covering invasion games such as hockey and tag rugby. Next term, we will focus on games including dodgeball and gymnastics. Our sports coach Danielle will take one session and I will take the other.

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.

