

Year 6 Autumn Termly Letter

Creative Learning Journey

Our CLJ unit this term is 'Fields of Remembrance' and will closely link to our Literacy, History, Geography and Art. The children will look at the causes of WW1, life on the home front and front line, the countries who took part and which countries were allied with each other. It would be great if you could support the children at home with any research in books or on computers to do with World War One.

Welcome to Year 6. I am looking forward to working alongside your child in this, their final year of primary school before they embark on their secondary journey next September! This is a crucial year to ensure that your child is as prepared as possible for the changes ahead of them and, as such, the overall expectations increase.

English

In our English lessons this term we shall be covering a range of reading, grammar and writing based on our key texts and short animations: The Piano, In Flanders Fields, War Game, Frankenstein as well as exploring newspaper reports and persuasive writing on a theme of the children's choice.

"Children have the right to an education that should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest."

Article 29- United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child.

Maths

In our Numeracy lessons this term we will be following the Inspire Maths Scheme of work and covering the following units:-

Arithmetic – ongoing throughout year

Problem solving – Developing a range of strategies across different styles of problems

Algebra

Shape – properties and nets

Fractions

Ratio and proportion

By Year 6, it is very important that the children are fully confident with their timestables so please ensure you are still supporting your children with the learning of these if this is an area they need practise on.

TTRockstars logins can be accessed through the class teacher if your child is unfamiliar with these.

Reading

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support with the summer homework; it is good to see the children take responsibility for reading texts ahead of our English lessons and this prepares them well for Secondary School. Across the term, we will be studying some other key texts as well as 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and it would be good if the children could have their own copies of the following book:

Skellig by David Almond

A recommended reading list will be shared with you at the **Meet the Teacher meeting on Tuesday 17th September at 3:30pm.**

Children who enjoy reading thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read every single day for at least 20 minutes. We also ask that parents sign their planners at least 3 times a week. We really value your comments and your support with this.

Home Learning:

Each week, homework will be set on a Wednesday and handed in on the following Tuesday and will comprise of: IXL maths (half an hour), Reading (daily), Literacy task relating to our current learning (half an hour) and CLJ task (half an hour or an extended piece of learning across a number of weeks). Your child is responsible for handing this work in and some will be marked in class on the Tuesday so the children get immediate feedback. Y6 children can attend the weekly homework club which runs from 3:15pm – 4:15pm on Wednesdays.

Science

In Science, we will be studying 'Animals including humans'. The children will learn about the circulatory system, the heart and blood and why we need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

If you have any questions or queries about the learning, you can contact me through the school office and I will be happy to meet with you so that any issues can be resolved quickly.
Mrs Mackenzie

P.E

P.E. sessions are on a Wednesday and Thursday but I suggest the children have their kit in school all week. They will need a white t-shirt with the St Ives logo, blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts, the blue P.E socks, trainers and the St Ives hoody. Please could you ensure that everything is clearly labelled and that your child has the correct kit.

This term we have the New Forest Academy taking the children for football on a Wednesday.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be completing a unit entitled 'Sex and relationship education', which will include information on puberty and how a baby is made. This unit will start on 23rd September and is delivered over the term.

Your child will now have a locker. There is a refundable £5 deposit for their keys and as soon as the office receive payment, your child will be given a key. Please be mindful that the lockers must house both school bags and PE kits so small bags are essential as there is no other space to store their belongings.

Independence:

To encourage greater independence, we ask that Y6 make their own way in and out of the classroom at the beginning and end of the day and, that they bring in a small pencil-case with the following resources: a handwriting pen (blue and not a biro), pencil, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener, colouring pencils and glue stick (no sharpies please).

The children have been given a homework book (red) and a new school planner. Your child should be able to explain the procedures but the following will help you check they have fully understood!

Planners: This is a communication link between school and home to ensure you, as parents, are informed of events throughout the year. This will be checked and signed by the class teacher on a Monday and I ask that parents sign at the weekends for me to check. This is in place to support transition next year and we expect the children to take responsibility for asking you to sign. There is also a reading record in the planner and I expect the children to record their reading every day including to an adult on three occasions. Your child will be heard by an adult once a week in school. Planners need to be in school EVERY day.