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Dear Children, Parents/Carers

Year 6 newsletter for Autumn Term 2

Welcome back from your half-term break! We hope you are all feeling refreshed, and that you are looking forward to another fun-filled term. In this letter we outline what is coming up this half term.

Last half term, the children painted poppies as part of a project to commemorate 80 years of VE and VJ day. This project is from the Mercian Regiment Museum and will be displayed from 10th November at Nottingham Castle, alongside new gallery educational trails and activities. We have been told we will receive more details about this closer to the time and look forward to seeing the display come to life!

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 18th November – Oak class afternoon in the library (volunteers required)
- Tuesday 25th November – Elder afternoon in the library (volunteers required)
- Friday 5th December – HSA Christmas Fair afterschool. The year 6s have been asked to help with some Christmas games for this event. We will be talking to the children about this nearer the time.
- Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 18th December – Pantomime in school

Maths: Working with fractions (equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and calculating with fractions).

English: This term we will continue to link our English work to WW2. We will start by looking at Anne Frank and comparing her diary style to our informal diary last half term. We will also write a biography about Anne Frank and her experience in the annex. We will then read a picture book called Rose Blanche.

Science and Humanities: All units will be based around a question which aims to inspire the children. In science this question will be: *How do we see?* as we learn about light and shadows. We will begin our new Geography topic, *'What are natural resources and why do we use them?'* where we will be exploring natural resources, sustainability and trade.

PE- Dance (Monday) and a further PE session with Mr Duong (Thursday afternoons). We ask that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. *Please note that there may be sessions in dance which will take place outside.*

RE- The children will be exploring how life can be seen as a journey and how different religions celebrate key events within life. E.g, Baptism in Christianity or the Sacred Thread ceremony in Hinduism.

Computing- This term the children will be completing our iProgram unit. We will be programming our own games.

DT: We will be researching, planning, building and testing structures this half term in the form of model WWII shelters. *Please note, children will most likely require cardboard from home to create their designs.*

Homework- The children will be expected to read regularly throughout the week, discussing the content and



expressing opinions on what they have read. We also expect the children to access EdShed at least 4 times a week to practice their weekly spellings. Spelling tests will be on a Thursday. Children should also practice their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars for 15 minutes across the whole week (not per day). There will also be an optional topic-based homework once a half term, details of which will be given nearer the time.

As per the parent mail sent just after parents evening, we kindly request that if you are wanting to use any past papers at home with your child that you refrain from accessing the 2024 and 2025 papers as we use these for monitoring purposes over the course of the year.

If you have any questions about this term, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.
Thank you.

Mrs Amin

Elder class teacher

Mrs Turner

Oak class teacher