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Dear Children, Parents/Carers

### Year 6 newsletter for Autumn Term 1

Welcome back from your summer break and welcome to Year 6! In this letter we outline the topics we will be covering this term and some information about life in Year 6. We have lots of interesting plans for the year ahead and we look forward to jumping in!

**Maths:** Place value, mental and written calculation methods for all four number operations and the properties square, cube and prime numbers.

**English:** All Year 6 English lessons will be linked to either the Science or Humanities topics. The first unit will support our History topic (WW2) as we focus on the novel '*Letters From The Lighthouse*' by Emma Carroll. We will look at and create Blitz poetry, as well as look at a WW2 themed diary called '*My Secret War Diary* by Flossie Albright'.

**Science and Humanities:** Our History topic for the Autumn Term will be World War 2. We will be delving into what led to the war and how it impacted the lives of adults and children. For science, we will be looking at the classification of living things.

**PE-** We will have one PE session with Miss James (Wednesday afternoons) and have a further lesson where we will learn to play dodgeball (Monday afternoons). Please note that Monday PE sessions will be outside whenever possible. Children should come to school wearing appropriate PE kit, outlined in the school uniform policy.

**RE-** The children will be exploring the New Testament from the Bible.

**Computing-** The focus of our initial computing lessons will be e-safety and then we will look at programming.

**Music** – We will be learning a song called 'Hey, Mr Miller!': a song about Alton Miller and his swing band.

**Art-** The children will be producing artwork inspired by WW2 and the work of Paul Nash.

**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 practise their weekly spellings. Spelling tests will be on a Thursday. Children should also practise 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.

If you have any questions about this term, please feel free to contact the school office or write a note in your child's reading diary.

Thank you.

Miss Wroe, Mr Jones & Mrs Turner  
**Team Year 6**

