

## Literacy

Our focus for literacy this half term is all things spooky as we write a setting/character description to fit an eerie clip. We will be focusing on the use of emotive language. We will be linking our suspense writing to our novel study – Room 13; a story about a school residential to Whitby and an altercation with a famous vampire! Along with this we are going to focus on spelling and handwriting practice to further build up our stamina and learn the key rules.

## Maths

This half term, our maths focus is going to be on recapping the arithmetic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. From here we will be looking at multi-step problems and various reasoning challenges to challenge our learning further. This half term we will also look at statistics through our Enterprise project as we plan, create and market a product to sell at the Christmas Fayre.

Please continue to encourage your child to practice their times tables.

## History

Our war focus will move on this half term from WW1 to WW2. We shall be looking at the key causes of WW2, linking to prior learning and look at the effects of rationing and evacuations on children during this time.

# Looking after our bodies

## Computing

This half term's focus for computing is on creating spreadsheets. We will be continuing to use the Purple Mash program. Your children are more than welcome to log into Purple Mash at home and complete games or activities based on our topics, science or maths.

## Science

Science will be an integral part of this topic as we investigate the human circulatory system. We will focus on how blood travels around the body and the variety of organs required. This will involve a deeper look into the workings of the heart, including dissecting a real life pig's heart! Throughout this topic, children will learn about the effects of exercise and healthy eating on the body and key charities who work to support those with heart problems in the world.

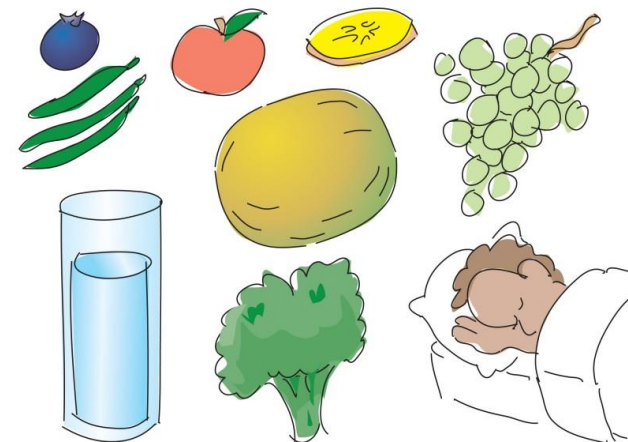
# Y6 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope that your children had a fun half term and Halloween and are ready to learn about our new topic in the lead up to Christmas.

This half term, our theme and novel study will be at the forefront of all the learning that we are doing. During this time, we shall also be making our products to sell at the virtual Christmas Fayre.

As this is a topic focussed on science, we shall be doing a lot of work looking into the human heart, its structure, how it works and how to keep it healthy. There will be some medical students coming into school to support us in the teaching of this and working with the children to pass on their knowledge. We shall also be dissecting a pig's heart to investigate the structure we have learnt about in real life. A letter will be going out later in the term about this.

During this half term, we will also be continuing with our Year 6 Tutoring program. This seems to have been very successful so far in closing the gap for your children and we thank you for your continued support.



## PE

Class 13's PE will be on a **Monday afternoon**.

Class 14's PE will be on a **Friday afternoon**.

Appropriate kits are expected to be in school on these days as both are important and enjoyable parts of the curriculum.

**REMINDER:** Children's P.E. kits **should consist of blue or black shorts**, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps. Tracksuit bottoms are optional during colder weather.

## Important dates for your diary:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Training Day
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – End of term