

## Literacy

Our focus for literacy this half term is related to our topic of war and in particular the breaking of the enigma code at Bletchley park. We shall be completing a biography of Alan Turing and a first-person recount from his perspective on the day they broke the code and the mixed emotions it caused. Our writing for this half term will be supported by clips from the film 'The Imitation Game' to give the children a visual tool to understand the trials and tribulations of the people involved.

## Maths

In our early morning work and mental and oral sessions we will be continuing to recap and strengthen arithmetic skills. This half term in maths we will be focusing learning the process of algebra, breaking it down into small steps so that children can tackle a multitude of missing word problems. Following on from this, we shall be moving onto fractions, what they are, equivalents and simplification as well as locating/placing them on a number line. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables. . .

## Computing

This half term, our IT focus is on spreadsheets. We shall be continuing to use Purple Mash to complete tasks and practice creating our own. Your child will have their log-in so they can also access activities at home.

# War and Conflict

## Geography

Whilst we analyse wars from over the years, we are going to focus our attention onto the areas of the world where key wars have taken place in the past and present day. We will use this to compare continents and countries and analyse changes over time.

## History

We are going to be learning about the various key conflicts that have occurred in the world over time and discuss their impact on the world for those fighting and those left behind. We shall be focusing on World War 1 and 2 as our historical studies and modern day war in the Middle East. The information we learn about these conflicts will inform our P4C sessions as we delve into why we go to war and the necessity of it. As part of this, we shall consider the current refugee crisis in relation to our previous topic and what has happened in Afghanistan.

# Y6 Spring 1 Newsletter

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and that the children are coming back refreshed and ready for the Spring Term.

A reminder that the assessment week for year 6 is set nationally and this year will be during week commencing Monday 9th May 2021. This year the children will be completing a reading paper; 2 SPAG papers: spelling and grammar; and 3 maths papers; arithmetic and 2 reasoning tests. We will be continuing to run the Year 6 tutoring sessions after school up until Easter, to help the children feel confident about the test expectations. It is this confidence that makes all the difference so attendance is really important!

Our topic for this half term is War and Conflict. We will be looking into a range of conflicts including WW1 and WW2, comparing them to modern day wars. We will be considering, through our global learning, how these events shaped the world we live in today and consider the lessons we have learnt.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Bank holiday
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Start of term
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Training Day