

## **Literacy**

Our focus for literacy this half term is based around a short film called 'Replay'. We will use this as the basis of our learning, rewriting in four parts. Within our writing, we will be focusing on expanding our vocabulary and writing for different emotions. To aid this, it would be useful for children to participate in as much fictional reading at home as possible. Following this, we will end this half term writing a historical recount on the Chernobyl disaster, focusing on tense and higher-level conjunctions.

## **Maths**

In our early morning work and mental and oral sessions, we will be beginning to look at a range of arithmetic skills as well as recapping from Year 5.

This half term in maths we will be focusing on place value of numbers up to ten million, addition and subtraction. All these are key aspects of basing the rest of our learning throughout the year.

Please encourage your child to practice their times tables as they will need these throughout Year 6 and practice any maths learning that they have learnt within school.

## **Computing**

This half term, our IT focus is on coding. We will be using our Purple Mash software to learn all about algorithms and debugging. We will also look at using Microsoft Word to create documents for our history learning.

# 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. Please encourage your children to practice locating and labelling the continents of the world.

## **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 as our historical studies. In World War 1, we will be looking at what caused it, how it was fought and the consequences following it. 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.

## **PE**

Our P.E focus this term is Basketball. Our children will build on their previously learnt skills such as dribbling and shooting. Each week, they will be taught by Danum Eagles so they receive first-hand guidance from professionals.

Please ensure your child has their PE kits every Tuesday.

## **Art and DT**

In art this term, we will be focusing on war propaganda posters, linking with our DT project. We will begin researching different styles and slogans, moving towards creating our own. This will link with our DT project where we will be designing moving, light-up propaganda posters.

## **Science**

In science, we will be looking at electricity with a focus on circuits and how they work this term. We will start by exploring how to make circuits and move towards investigating what makes a bulb bright or buzzer louder. We will be looking at the different electrical symbols and how to use these to draw different circuits.

# Y6 Autumn 1 Newsletter

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and that the children are coming back refreshed and ready for the new academic year.

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.

Please, as you usually do, encourage your children to practice learning and reading at home. This will support them with their learning and their knowledge and understanding. Handwriting, reading and maths is a huge focus for us this term in Year 6 so please encourage your children to be practicing this at home. Learning at home incentives are in place and this will help your children feel more confident at school. Thank you for your

## PE

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

Class 14's PE will be on a **Tuesday 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.

Please also ensure that your children have appropriate P.E. kit, should lessons need to be outside, thank you.



## Important dates for your diary:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Training Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – End of Term

Future Date:

- Making Christmas cards for soldiers parent and child workshop