

Year 6 Autumn Term Flyer

Dear Year 6 Parents,

It has been a pleasure to welcome your children to Year 6, Banksy Class. We look forward to a busy year where we will focus on making lasting positive memories and ensuring the children are fully ready emotionally and academically, for the next step in their education. Mrs Williams and I teach the class every morning and I teach in the afternoons. On Thursdays, Mrs Williams teaches in the morning and Mrs Garnett teaches in the afternoon.

Key information:

Homework and spellings are given out on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by **Thursday**. I go through the homework with children in class, but if they have any difficulties with the work, they need to speak to me before its due date and I will be happy to help.

PE lessons are on **Thursday** and **Friday** afternoons. Long hair must be tied back, and earrings must be removed for PE.

Reading

We regularly teach reading comprehension skills. Children also have opportunities to read in school and listen to stories and poems. Children need to read their own book at least three times a week at home. Please sign their diaries to indicate this. Even fluent readers need to be reading regularly to extend their vocabulary and comprehension skills, and to form a reading 'habit'. It is important that children have their books and diaries in school every day. Mrs Stephens, our volunteer helper, hears the children read on Mondays and Mrs Williams and I read with the children at other times during the week.



History

Our History topic is 'Britain in the Second World War'. We will explore the key events of the Second World War (Dunkirk, The Blitz, The Battle of Britain and D-Day) using first-hand evidence and secondary sources of information. There will be

some revision of map work as we study the countries involved in the Second World War. The focus will be on how the War affected ordinary people in Britain including rationing and evacuation. We will learn about life in Tollesbury in the Second World War. In addition, children will learn about Anne Frank's life and the Holocaust. This will be linked to PSHE work on prejudice.

Geography

We will be learning about different types of maps and how to use them. This will include learning to use 6-figure grid references. We will investigate land use in the local area and create our own maps.



English

We will be learning to write in a formal style, starting with learning how to write letters to apply for Year Six roles of responsibility. We will also be looking at diary writing and writing from different perspectives. Other genres studied will include atmospheric story writing and classic fiction. We will be teaching the children how to sustain writing longer pieces of work of their own. We will be having regular handwriting, grammar, spelling and punctuation lessons alongside this. For the first time, all Year Six children will be writing in pen from the very start of the year. We will provide them with pens - there is no need for children to bring any stationery from home.

Maths

Our main focus this term will be on arithmetic skills. We have a daily lesson to introduce new work, such as calculating with fractions, decimals and percentages and solving long division problems. In



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In addition, daily short "fluency" lessons revise concepts and calculation methods from previous years. Without immediate recall of times tables and division facts, children will not be able to access the learning. We will give extra team points to children who spend time practising multiplication facts as part of their homework.

Science and PSHE

Our science topic for the half term is Living things and their habitats, with a focus on classification methods. Some trips to the Nature Garden will be needed, which I am sure the children will enjoy. After half term we will be learning about electricity and creating different types of circuits.



PE

The lessons will be mainly outside, so leggings or tracksuit bottoms are advisable when the weather cools. Our coach will be teaching Tag Rugby and Netball. I will teach Hockey and Fitness.

Computing

We will be learning to use Google Classroom to communicate with an awareness of e-safety. Children will be learning to create their own websites. They will also carry out research and create presentations.



Art and DT

In art this term, we will be learning about propaganda posters and how to scale up drawings. We will be practising observational drawing skills. The children will make and bring home their Christmas cards designs. For DT, we will learn about free standing structures. Children will create a marble run. We will need lots of cardboard tubes for this - so please ask the children to start collecting any old wrapping paper tubes, kitchen roll and toilet roll tubes.

RE

In RE we will learn about the connections between religions on the theme of peace. We will also be studying the main beliefs of Buddhists.



Music

We will be learning about pop and soul music and how to compose and improvise musical melodies using technology. We will also be learning a song for our Harvest Service at the church.



French

During our French lessons, we will be revising key vocabulary to introduce ourselves in French and learning about how to describe actions and feelings. French lessons involve lots of games, acting and singing.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

A lot of our PSHE this term will be about overcoming adversity, relationships, working together as a team and friendships. We will have a weekly PSHE/Circle Time lesson.



If you have any questions or concerns about your child's well-being or learning, please speak to us, either at the classroom door, or by making an appointment at the office.

Mrs Masters