

*Our topic this half term is:*

## ***World War I and War War II***



*The Year 6 topic for Spring Term-  
will be World War I and II. We will  
be learning about the history of  
World War I and II, while reading  
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo  
and writing our Spark Speeches.*

### ***The year 6 Team:***

***Mandela Class: Ms Amy Chambers  
Luther- King Class: Ms Alice Carnac  
Pankhurst Class: Mr David Foster  
Support Staff: Harriet Wyer***

## Important Dates

**Parents' Coffee Morning—Mental Health and Mindfulness**  
Tuesday 28th January 2020—09:00—09:45

**Luther King Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 21st January 2020

**Parents' Internet Safety Training Evening**  
Wednesday 29th January 2020—17:30– 18:30

**Year 5 and 6 Book Club**  
3:30—4:30 Every Wednesday

**Safer Internet Day**  
Tuesday 11th February 2020

**SATS Mock testing:**  
Week beginning 10 February 2020

**Whole School Spelling Bee**  
Thursday 13th February 2020

## Maths



*In maths, we are focusing on improving our approach to problem solving and developing a mastery approach where all children will gain a deep understanding of topics. This half term, some of the things we'll be looking at include how to:*

- *Use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination.*
- *Add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers.*
- *Multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form.*
- *Divide proper fractions by whole numbers.*
- *Recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages.*

## English

*We will be looking at a range of different genres in English and will write for a range of purposes including diary entries, poems and essay writing.*

*Our focus will be on use of language, authorial intent and view points and structures of texts. We will study the book 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo which is about the experience of World War I.*

*We will read a wide range of text types in our reading sessions focusing on retrieving information and reading between the lines.*

*We will also work daily on our grammar, spelling and punctuation in lessons.*

## Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings, and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are rewarded in class.

It is also crucial that your child knows all their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ , including an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked (e.g.  $3 \times 4 = 12$  so  $12/4 = 3$ ). Knowing this helps them in all areas of their maths learning.

## Reading



It is important that your child reads for 10-20 minutes EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly.

After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect these words have on the reader.

## Autumn 1 Parent Workshops:

Please see website (Under Parents → Workshops) for more information on times.

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If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at home-time or via the school office.

## Science

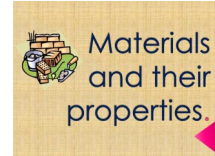
In Science this half term, Year 6 are learning Properties of Materials. During this topic, we'll be learning about:

**How to compare materials using their properties.**

**Thermal conductors and insulators.**

**Investigating materials which dissolve.**

**Using different processes to separate mixtures of materials.**



## Humanities and Topic

### History

In history, we'll be studying the WWI and WWII topics and finding out about some important events from both world wars and the causes of the conflicts.

### Art

In art, Paul Nash will be the focus for this half term. We will be looking at artworks by this famous British Surrealist painter and war artist. We will be analysing his work against the back-drop of learning about events from WWI and WWII.

### Computing

In computing this half term, we'll be using App Shed and exploring and designing apps with simple algorithms. We will be usually ready-to-go templates and app examples as well as more advanced activities with HTML, CSS and code.



### R.E.

In R.E., we'll be learning about Judaism and the role of the synagogue in the lives of Jewish people. We will learn about religious practices and some important festivals in Judaism.