

Autumn 1 in Year 6... Welcome Back!!

English:

Writing- This half term the children will begin their writing looking at the narrative, *The Mouth-Organ Boy*. Within this unit of work we will re-cap the structure of simple, compound and complex sentences. We will also focus on using speech to show characterisation and move the story on. We will then move on to a diary text, 'The Secret War Diary,' where the children will write a diary in the role of an evacuee.

Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Children will have daily English skills sessions with a strong focus on reading skills and spelling accuracy. Spellings will be taught both through the Read Write inc spelling scheme and Grammar sessions.

Reading- This half term we will be reading *Friend or Foe*, which will also support our second writing unit, 'The War Diary'. This Michael Morpurgo book is based on two evacuee children whose lives are turned upside down when they move from London to Exeter. We will look at a range of other texts to support this, including a range of non-fiction texts.

The best way to improve reading is to read at home daily! Please ensure children bring their reading and homeschool books into class every day. Please discuss your child's reading with them.


Our virtual Classroom links:




History:

This half term we will be venturing back in time to the beginning of recorded history in Asia. The children will learn about the 500 year rule of the 'Shang Dynasty,' taking themselves across the globe to China, where they will delve into the beliefs and lifestyles of the time, whilst also comparing the different leadership styles of key Emperors.

French:

We will be learning about sports in French and the Olympics. 

Science: Children will continue the development of their knowledge of light and electricity from Year 4. They will be looking at how light travels, how we see objects and how shadows are formed. In addition, the children will develop their knowledge of electricity by experimenting with circuits and using a wider variety of components. 

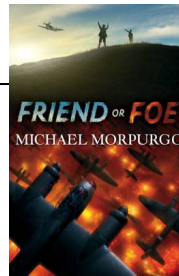
PSHE: Our first unit of learning will be Health and Wellbeing. We will be looking at good and bad habits and the impact of these on our physical and mental health, setting personal targets and where to go when we need help.

Music: Children will be looking at a range of music from film scores. This will include building knowledge of minor and major, graphic scores and composition.

PE: We will be building on fundamental skills with tag rugby and continuing our coordination, rhythm and collaboration through dance on a Monday and Thursday. **It is important that children come in wearing the correct PE uniform!**

Maths: We will develop and expand our understanding of the number system by exploring numbers up to and including ten million. This will include estimating, rounding and problem solving. **Children, as ever, should be confident with all times tables up to 12 x 12.**

RE: The children will be looking closely at the actions and teachings of Jesus in order to answer the question, 'What kind of King is Jesus?' We will begin by looking at some biblical stories, including the Parable of Great Banquet.



Homework:

Children will be set Reading, Grammar and Maths homework weekly from homework books that will be provided for them. It is vital that the children read at home daily and bring their reading and home school book into class. Please discuss your child's reading with them.

Art: In our art lessons, we will learn about a range of different artists, each with differing styles. We will complete the unit by creating a piece of art based on what we have learnt about the artists. 