

# This Term in Year 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first Year 6 letter of 2017. The children worked really hard last term and made some good progress. A particular highlight was our 'Amazon Go' morning when many of you joined your children to battle the Habitat Gym Masters with their own 'Amazon Go' playing cards. The excitement for learning experienced by all the children was something we strive for all year round.

This term there is an inevitable shift towards preparing your children for their SATs in May. Later this week, children will receive revision guides for grammar, punctuation, spelling, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. Homework will sometimes be set from these books but it important they are in school every day.

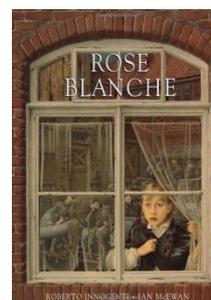
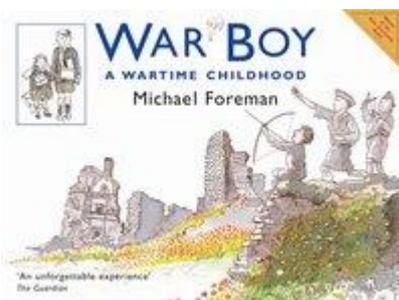
Throughout the Spring term, we will continue balance revision with fostering a 'love for learning' in your children and provide opportunities for them to develop their creativity. Earlier this week, Year 6 took part in the live launch of the BBC 500 words competition and we look forward to reading 'the wonderful stories that will be told'.

To continue to raise the profile of reading, Year 6 have started up their very own book clubs. They have been put into small groups and given books to read at home which they then discuss at school. At the end of the process they will make vlogs to encourage others to enjoy the books they have read. Please ask your child which book they have been given.

Mathletics and Spellodrome continue to be exciting web based ways to improve in mathematics and spelling and weekly league tables shared at schools on Friday have again motivated children to learn outside their classroom.



This term our topic is 'Friend or Foe?' and it will teach the children about life on the Home Front during World War II.



In English, Year 6 will use the book, 'War Boy: A Wartime Childhood' by Michael Foreman and 'Rose Blanche' by Roberto Innocenti as inspiration for writing in different styles i.e. letters, diaries, information texts and stories. They will draft, edit and redraft their work before publishing. The books will also help them further their understanding of grammar and punctuation and provide them with opportunities to use different sentence types.

In reading, Year 6 will look at different types of books and study how to make deductions from text. This involves reading beyond what is simply written in black and white – for instance finding out why a character in a book behaved as they did rather than just commenting on the action itself.

In maths, Year 6 will continue to improve their fluency in the four rules of number through weekly Calculation Quests. They will also learn about: the properties of shapes; area and perimeter; finding missing angles; using a protractor to measure and construct angles; measures and reading scales.

In science, children will learn about electricity and find out:

- What components can be used in a circuit?
- Are all bulbs the same brightness? How can you make bulbs brighter or duller?
- Are all buzzers the same volume? How can you make a buzzer louder or quieter?
- How does an electrical switch work?
- Who was Michael Faraday? Who was Thomas Edison?
- Is electricity natural or manmade?

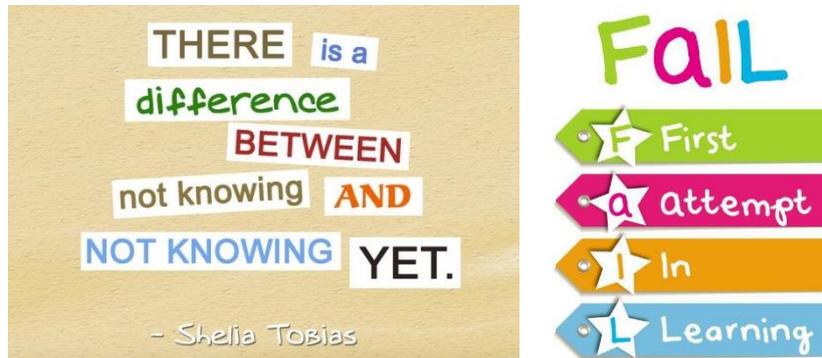
In ICT, children will learn about coding. They will also have access to computers and iPads to support the learning of other areas of the curriculum.

This term the children will receive weekly singing lessons. They will be taught songs from WWII which were sung to keep up the spirits and have a positive outlook on life. Towards the end of this term, we plan to invite parents in to share in their children's learning and hope that singing will form part of this session.

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday with additional lessons on Thursdays or Fridays. During this cold period, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for their lessons.

All Year 6 children will be given home learning on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. This will consist of Maths, weekly spellings and one piece of either Literacy or topic related work. As you know, we set very high standards within school and expect all children to behave well and do their best. Good behaviour and work in the year group will be recognised with effort points, rewards and certificates.

At this time of year, the teachers have focused the children on a Growth Mindset and the power of ... YET. This is a message we would like you to share, if the children find their homework difficult it is ok to make mistakes – it just means they cannot do it... YET.



Finally, please remember as ever that if you have any problems or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. If you have anything that you would like to discuss, you can always catch us on the playground at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

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