

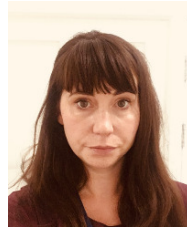


YEAR 6

Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

Welcome to Y6 with Miss Fontaine, Mrs Gachette, Miss Minihane and Ms Velve. The staff are excited about this year, especially the first topic – World War II. The children have all settled well in their new classes and routines. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, you can do so through our Y6 email; y6@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk. Your child's class teacher will respond by email within 2 days, setting up a telephone conversation or if needed a meeting in school. We would ask for your continued support, to ensure that the children are organised for their learning by reminding them to read every day and to go through all of their times tables.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year!
From the Y6 team.



Topic- We'll Meet Again (WWII)

In this unit pupils will find out about the effects of the Second World War on children and families in their local area. They will consider the reasons for and results of key aspects of the war and describe the impact of WWII on daily life in their local area. Year 6 will find out about everyday lives of people during this period and compare their own lives.

Children will be able to give reasons for evacuations and understand why people had to do it.



Maths

Our focus for the Autumn term is Number- Place value, Number – Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and Fractions.

During each lesson we will have mental starters that will cover all aspects of the maths curriculum to ensure the children practice a range of mathematical skills throughout the year.



English

This term, our Talk for Writing text will be a *flashback story*. The children will read and learn a flashback story set in WWII, closely linked to our topic.

The outcome in English will be for children to write their own narrative with flashbacks that has a strong focus on setting description.

Routines and Reminders

PE days – Tuesday. As the changing rooms are not in use, children should come to school in their school tracksuit (with the logo), white t-shirt and black trainers (if you do not have a school tracksuit please make sure the children are wearing plain black or navy sportswear) on their PE day. School tracksuits can be purchased through ParentPay and we will hand it to your child.

Homework

Weekly spellings. These can be found on the school website (under the main heading Curriculum and Assessment and drop down to English) and the children will be tested on the following days:

Malangu – Friday

Dali – Friday

Cezanne – Monday

Daily reading (20-30 mins)

Mathletics - weekly task based on the learning taking place in class

Topic - a project each term will be set based on WWII. As we are trying to minimise the amount of things being brought in from home, it is likely that we will ask you to take a photo of your project work and upload it onto Google Classroom.

Google Classroom: We are planning to use Google Classroom further in the future to set homework but we will keep you updated about this. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Pencil cases should **not** be brought into school. We have provided every child with their own zip wallet and resources to use in their lessons.

What else will be happening in the Curriculum?

RE

During our RE lessons this term, we will be focussing on Buddhism-Following the Buddha's teaching and Judaism: Abraham

PSHE

As part of our PSHE topic, we will be looking at Hopes and Goals.

Art/DT

After a long break, we will be focussing on allowing the children to express and enjoy themselves, but also thinking about how to use the different formal elements of art and design: composition, tone, contrast, texture, and mistakes - or happy accidents!, to effectively build up a work of art. The children will start with drawings which are developed into paintings using a variety of styles and themes. From careful observational drawing to abstraction!

MUSIC

The music lessons for the first few weeks of this term will provide a safe space for all the children in Y5 to develop their knowledge of pitch, using the huge variety of pitched percussion in the music room. The instruments will be cleaned between lessons. We will develop our reading from graphic scores and standard notation, and will incorporate layering of sounds (musical texture) in a group setting.

PE

Our focusses for this term are:

Autumn1 : Football

Autumn 2: Hockey

There will also be a bleep test once a term to assess the children's fitness progress.

All PE sessions will be skilled-based lessons involving minimal contact. No team games will be played this term.

Spanish

We will be learning:

Numbers to 100 and money

Plural forms of nouns

Numbers to 1000 Euros / Céntimos

Science

Our Science topic is Electricity and we will be investigating how the strength of the components of a circuit affects the bulbs and buzzers and using symbols to represent components.

Computing

Our IT sessions will cover E-Safety, Coding and Algebra. Children will also have access to computers/ laptops/ ipads for research purposes.

How to help your child!

- Every week your child will be sent home spellings. It is important that you learn these with your child as they will be tested the following week.
- It is important that you read with your child daily
- Please practice times tables with your child and remember to ask them how they got on in the mini tests every week.

Educational Visits in Year 6 this term:

There will be no educational trips this year.