



Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter



Punctuality & Doodle time!

It is important that children arrive at school in their allocated time slot to complete their Doodle tasks for the day. Last half term, several children regularly missed their Doodle time as they arrived late and did not have time to complete their tasks. The time slot is the start of their school day and by arriving late, they are late for school. Doodle time is very important as it supports the children catching up on missed learning due to school closure and this is tailored to each individual child and their needs. Please ensure your child arrives at school for their time slot everyday. Thank you.



Shine Bright!



Our novel for the coming half term is 'Blitz' by Robert Westall which links together our History and English topics. We will be reading the novel as a whole class and exploring the themes within the story and exploring these themes in our comprehension lessons. During writing lessons with Mrs Kidd, the children will use the themes from the novel and our History topic to inspire their writing. They will write a range of genre including a diary, a piece of persuasive writing and a letter and also produce writing in our History lessons.

Maths

This half term we will be learning to:

- ◆ Identify common factors, multiples and prime numbers
- ◆ Find equivalent fractions
- ◆ Simplify, compare and order fractions
- ◆ Covert improper fractions and mixed numbers
- ◆ Add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions
- ◆ Find a fraction of an amount
- ◆ Describe positions on a full coordinate grid in all four quadrants
- ◆ Translate and reflect shapes on an axis

We will focus on developing our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills to show a full understanding of what we have learnt.

History

In our Humanities lessons this half term, we are focusing on History.

The children will complete a local history study based on World War Two.



We will be learning about the events leading up to WW2 and the important people involved in this event and then we will take a more local focus. The children will learn about and research the impact of the war in our local area and try to find out more about the people in the local area who were directly involved in the war.

The children will learn about the Blitz and the impact of this in our local area, they will be given the opportunities to write a diary entry using our history work using the skills learnt in English lessons.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is Light. The children will learn about how light travels and how our eyes work. We will also be thinking about how we can investigate light to find out more about something which we take for granted.



Art

Our work in Art links directly to our History topic. The children will learn about artists who represented WW2 through their work. They will learn about local artists and the art techniques used by these artists to help them to complete their own piece of art work.



Online learning

Thank you to those families who accessed our online learning to support their children while they were absent last half term.

The Government have stated that schools must provide work for children to complete at home should they need to be absent from school due to isolation or being symptomatic which is why we have set up our online learning and Class Dojo.

The work is on the Year 6 page of the website www.silvertreeprimary.co.uk (password was sent via text) and the children should complete the activities for the timetabled lessons each day.

The completed work should be uploaded in to the correct folder in the portfolio section of our Class Dojo page by taking a photograph.

This work matches closely to what the other children are completing in class and will ensure your child still makes progress while absent from school and make it easier for them to follow the lessons when they return to school.

The work will be marked and feedback given as if the children were in school.

We appreciate your support during these very different times.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given on a Monday and Thursday. It is important that the children complete their homework and hand it in on time not only to join in lessons in class but also to prepare them for secondary school. In Year 6, we support the children to be 'secondary ready' and homework is an important part of this. Homework set on a Monday to be handed in on a Thursday and set on a Thursday is to be handed in on a Monday. We mark the homework together the day it is handed in so it is important that the children have their completed work with them. I offer the children the opportunity to complete their homework at breaktime before the day it is due if they would like to but it must be completed on time.

