



# Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter



## Punctuality

It is important that children arrive at school on time every day. The children complete a morning task which recaps their learning from previous lessons. The tasks are on the board ready for the children to complete as soon as they start school and we review them together before our lesson starts and it is important that they don't miss these tasks.



## Shine Bright!



Our novel for the coming half term is 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo 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 formal and informal letter and a piece of poetry 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 One. The children will begin their new topic with a visit to St Luke's Church to explore the War Memorial and the special dedications to WW1 which can be found in and around the church. We will be building on their work completed in Year 5 linked to World War One. The children will be learning about the impact of war on Durham and the local areas where we live. They will be exploring primary sources of information to find out about family life during the war and the impact the war had on local families. The children will be given the opportunity 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 WW1 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.



## Music

We are building on our Music from last half term by working with Mrs Hughes. We will be developing our understanding of music further and might even be trying out our skills on some instruments!

## Young Leaders Award

We are continuing with our Young Leaders Award work in the lead up to Christmas. We will be learning about what makes a good leader and thinking about ways we can make a difference in our community and help those around us.



## Homework

A reminder that our homework grid is posted on the Class Story page of Class Dojo. The children are assigned a folder each week on Class Dojo to hand in their homework. Homework is shared in class every Thursday and therefore must be handed in on Class Dojo before 9am on a Thursday morning. Thank you.

## Online learning

A reminder that if your child is absent from school due to Covid symptoms and awaiting test results, they are set work on Class Dojo to complete every day. This work matches the work we are completing in class and it is important that it is completed every day. Mrs Kidd and I will mark the work and return it as we would in school.



## Reminders

- The children need to have a full PE kit in school at all times. Children will continue to alternate weekly between PE and Forest Schools
- Jewellery must not be worn for school other than watches
- Nail varnish, makeup and hair dye are not part of school uniform