

Year 6 Class Newsletter

1st Half Autumn term 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome to year 6! My name is Alice White and I am the class teacher. Working alongside me is Emily Harris-Casey as an HLTA. We hope to have a great year and look forward to helping your children to achieve their goals for their final year at Virginia. I am looking forward to meeting you all in our **class meeting which is on Thursday 13th September.**

Our half termly topic this term is: London At War

This exciting topic looks at the life of people during the second world war.

What we will be learning as part of our topic: we will be learning about the plight of children living in London during World War 2. They will learn about how the government decided to evacuate children from London to the countryside. We will discuss why the government decided to do this. We will also use an electronic map program to measure the distances that children were sent. We will be having An Evacuee Day- where the children come into school dressed in clothing from 1939. This is a wonderful day which helps the children imagine that they are evacuees.

What we will be learning in English: we will be reading the exciting novel Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. We will be delving into the characters and exploring their thoughts and feelings through drama. We will also be exploring the diary of Anne Frank and imagining what her life must have been like and we will link this to the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child.

What we will be learning in Maths: this term we will be exploring place value and its importance in maths. We will also be practicing our calculation skills using them to solve number and word problems. During the term we will have fun, interactive daily mental maths sessions. These sessions allow the children to practice all the basics of numeracy and will enable them to become confident mathematicians.

Other activities, trips and events this half term: the children will visit St Pauls Cathedral to learn about the Blitz. We will also be visiting the Royal Courts of Justice to learn about how the crime of cyber bullying would be dealt with in a court of law.

What you can do to help: children should be reading for half an hour every single day- this will help them to have more stamina in their reading ability. If you can read with your child, it will help develop a love of reading. If you have access to the internet then please visit websites such as Skoolbo and BBC BITESIZE .

Things to remember:

- PE kits need to be brought in every Monday and taken home every Friday to be washed.
- Homework is given out every Friday and is due back to school the following Wednesday.
- Remember! – school starts at 8:55. All children should be lined up and ready each morning.
- Every child should have a bottle of water in school, please ensure your child has one.
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

Other information:

The children will also be visiting the Houses of Parliament to attend a workshop based around laws and debating.

Best wishes from the class team:

Alice White - class teacher, Emily Harris-Casey - HTLA