

Year 6 Class Newsletter Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 6. I hope that everyone is enjoying being back at school and are eager to begin their final year at Milldene. I am very much looking forward to this year and we have a busy, but enjoyable, term planned.

Topics

First half term

World War II

Our topic this half-term is World War II. During English, the children have already enjoyed unpacking an evacuee's suitcase and looking at a gas-mask. We will be exploring the reason the war began, the countries involved, the Blitz, evacuation, and rationing.



Second half term

FROZEN KINGDOM

After half-term our topic will be 'Frozen Kingdom.' This is a geography based topic where the children will learn about the Arctic and Antarctic, the polar oceans and about the impact of climate change.

English

Year 6 will, initially, be focusing on information texts before moving on to historical narratives, using our WWII topic as inspiration. We will also spend time consolidating the knowledge and skills from previous year groups, before moving on to Year 6 expectations. As the term unfolds, we will look at diary writing, poetry and short stories, with the Ernest Shackleton's journey to the Antarctic as our inspiration. We will focus on how to structure these texts, whilst introducing Year 6 grammar.



Reading

In Year 6, we use the whole class guided reading approach and will continue this throughout the Autumn Term, whilst also providing focused support on retrieval and inference skills. Our class novel this half term is 'Blackout' by Tony Bradman, which is related to our topic of World War II. Next half term we will be reading Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson.



Maths

This term, we will be focusing on place value, decimals and multiplication and division. As the term develops, we will begin to deepen our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, and geometry. Our Maths learning will involve reasoning and problem-solving opportunities so that pupils gain confidence in applying their knowledge in a variety of contexts.

First half-term homework

A letter has been sent home detailing the homework expectation. If you have not received this, please contact me.

P.E. Days

P.E. lessons during the first half term will be on Monday and Thursday. We are learning skills to improve proficiency in football and dodgeball.

First half-term project

'What was World War II like for a child?' You can take this in any direction you wish and present it in a way you like.