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Dear Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child to Year 6. We will be covering the following as part of our learning in the autumn terms:

Topics

In English we will be beginning with the book 'The Lion and the Unicorn', by Shirley Hughes, followed by 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. Areas of focus in grammar and punctuation include: forming complex sentences and using punctuation effectively. We will look at narrative story writing, journalistic writing, persuasive writing and poetry.

During our Mathematics sessions, we will continue to focus on number and place value, particularly the four rules of calculation (+ - ÷ x). Parents can help to support their children by asking them questions involving multiplication and division and getting the children to carry out 'real life mathematics' e.g. weighing out ingredients. Regular practice of all times tables, ready for qualification for the T-Team/T-Team cadets is essential.

The Science topics 'Light' and 'Electricity' will be studied in some depth. In both terms 1 and 2 we will be studying 'World War Two', investigating the historical significance of this period of British history.

In term 1, our PSHE topic is Feelings and Relationships. We will be discussing conflicting feelings, working collaboratively for shared goals and healthy/unhealthy relationships. During term 2, we will learn about medicine and drugs. We will discuss legal and illegal drugs and the risks associated with them. We will consider the effects of peer pressure and how we can deal with it in a constructive manner.

PE

During the term, the children will be learning skills through a range of sports including tag rugby, netball and basketball, whilst indoor PE will be focusing on team games and dance where the children will be creating various dance sequences.

Your child will have an outdoor Games lesson and a PE/Hall session each week this term. **PE will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for 6H** and on **Monday and Thursday afternoons for 6C**. PE kit should stay in school all term as there are occasions when our PE time has to be moved to a different day.

Please ensure children with shoulder length hair or longer have their hair tied back. If your child has pierced ears, their earrings will need to be removed in this session. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in a suitable bag and labelled clearly with their full name and class.

Volunteers

We would love you to come and help during the year. If you would like to help in school, maybe hearing children read or escorting the children on a trip, then please let us know. You will need to be police checked before this can commence. Please contact the office who will give you the necessary information.

Homework

During the course of each week the children will be expected to complete their homework. The best work usually comes from children who complete the work as soon as possible after it has been set. Please encourage your child to look at it the day they receive it, so if they are unsure they can ask for help the following day.

Daily reading (10 minutes, at least three days a week.)

To support your child in reading you can listen to them read or ask them questions about their book to help them with their understanding of what they have read.

Learn weekly spellings (New spelling words will be brought home every Monday for a test on Friday)

Your child will have 10 or 15 spellings a week that they will practice daily at school. However, further parental support with spelling words out loud or written on paper will be beneficial to your child.

English sheet (Every Wednesday, hand in by Monday)

The worksheet will be either on grammar, spelling or comprehension. Please spend up to 20 minutes on the task. If your child is unable to complete it within 20 minutes please sign to say they spent the time on it.

Mathematics sheet (Every Wednesday, hand in by the following Monday.)

The worksheet will be further reinforcement of mathematics topics covered during the week. Please spend up to 20 minutes on the task. If your child is unable to complete within the time, please sign that they have attempted their work, but were unable to complete it.

Termly topic project

Every term your child will receive a separate information sheet about a mini project to be completed at home. This will normally be a piece of research and your child will have a choice on how to present what they have found out. Please note that Faversham Library have free internet access and will help your child to find things out.

We hope the above information will enable you to support your child's learning. We look forward to hard working and enjoyable autumn terms. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Manning Press, Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Halson
Year 6 Class Teachers

Science

Term 1

We shall be studying light. In this topic our focus will be on the principles of light travelling in straight lines, as well as transparent, translucent and opaque materials.

Term2

The children will further their understanding of electricity from Year 4, focusing on components within a circuit and how these can be adapted for different outcomes.

Religious Education

The children will be learning from two different religions about why their holy buildings and works of art matter to them as expressions of devotion to God and worship and how they practice generosity and charity.

Geography

Through the context of WWII the children will learn about the changing political geography of Europe. They will be locating the world's countries using maps and atlases.

History

The children will be given the opportunity to extend their chronological knowledge by studying the Second World War. The children will learn about a wide range of aspects that affected Britain's home front.

Computing

The children will be developing their understanding PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Publisher and Word. Throughout the year the children will be reminded of the rules of internet safety, and their responsibility to act in a thoughtful and secure manner.

Languages

The children will be broadening their French vocabulary this year. They will also develop their ability to understand new words.

Music

The children will be investigating the music and dance of the Wartime era. They will perform, sing and dance to 1940's music.

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PE

The children will be taking part in basketball, and netball. There will be opportunity for competitive games and the children will be able to compare their performances to previous ones. We will also be linking our dance lessons to World War 2 by incorporating ballroom and Charleston styles.

Design Technology

Our Design Technology will be linked to our learning of World War II, in particular 'make do and mend'. The children will be learning different sewing techniques in order to design and create their own 'make do and mend' project.

Art and Design

The children will have the opportunity to use a variety of media to produce artwork in the style of Henry Moore. This will improve their mastery of many techniques such as drawing and painting. Their use of sketch books will enable them to record, review and revisit ideas.

PSHE

In term 1 the children will be thinking about working collaboratively, unhealthy relationships and conflicting feelings. In term 2 the focus will be on learning about legal and illegal drugs, risk and peer pressure.

