



Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2024

Topic

The Year 6 topic this term continues to be 'World War II' and post war Britain. We are looking at how life changed for people in the UK and the rest of the world during wartime and then we will be turning our attention to what was happening here in Britain during the war and how life changed for many people both during and after the war. We are looking at the war at a local level and will use a range of historical information including our old school log books and air raid records to see how the war affected the people of Marske and the local area.

We will design, make, text and refine models of air raid shelters as part of our Design and Technology linked to WW2.



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In Y6, children are provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include, Purple Mash, Times Tables Rock Stars, Reading and Century.

Maths

In maths, the children will revise formal methods for the 4 rules of number and will apply these in reasoning and problem-solving situations. We will be looking at factors and multiples and how we can use these to aid division of larger numbers and our work on fractions.

In addition to this we will complete a short session on arithmetic daily which will cover a wide range of mathematic areas. Rapid knowledge of timetables is crucial- please encourage your child to work on these if they are not secure.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. At Errington, the children complete a Star Reader test each half term. They will then be given a reading range from which to choose their reading books. Children read their book in school each day and are **expected to read at home at least 4 times a week for at least 20 minutes and for this to be recorded in their reading records**. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus at least 4 times a week.

English

In English, the children will be writing diary recounts and narrative setting descriptions set during the war years. We will also be looking at ways of showing characterisation through dialogue. Alongside this we will be working on our comprehension skills. This will include identifying key points of focus, skimming text, structuring answers clearly and using evidence from the text in our reasoning. In addition we will be doing our usual spelling and handwriting sessions.

Computing

In Computing, we are continuing to research and evaluate information about WW2 and use this to create spreadsheets. Miss Pinder takes the children for ICT providing them with her excellent skills and expertise. Internet and online safety remains on the curriculum throughout the year.



Science

In Science, our focus this term is 'Electricity'. Over the half term, we will look at how light travels round a circuit and carry out a range of different investigations.

P.E. Year 6 pupils will have PE twice a week on Tuesdays and school P.E kit. This comprises of a pair of black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers. **If children are unable to participate in PE for any reason we ask you to contact school via email or write a note to the class teacher.**

The British Museum- We are lucky enough to be one of the two schools that the British Museum is working with as part of their outreach program. This term we will be working on a piece of artwork 'Our Beautiful Land' based on the work of the renowned Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak. We are hoping to have some visits- online and in person- with people who live and work in the Arctic Circle! **Our work will become part of an exhibition at Kirkleatham Hall in 2025!**