



## Year 6 Events for Autumn 1

**Wed 9 Sept** – Meet the Teacher 4pm (online)

**Week beginning Mon 12 Oct**  
Assessment week

**Mon 19 / Thursday 22**  
Virtual Parents Evenings

**Thurs 22 Oct** – first half term finishes at 3.30pm

**Fri 23 Oct** – INSET

**PE:**  
6C - Tuesday and Friday  
6K - Tuesday and Wednesday

Please wear full PE kit to school on PE days. Trainers need to be available in school all week. Indoor PE takes place in bare feet, please send trampoline socks if your child has a verruca.

**Reading Diaries** – 4 entries per week plus a parent's signature will earn 3 house points.

**Logins** for PurpleMash, Times Tables Rockstars and MyMaths are in the back of the Reading Diary.

# Year 6 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2020

### Topic 1 Extreme USA

A geographical study of hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes, their causes and impact.

#### Key questions:

- What are hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes?
- Why do they affect some regions of the USA but not others?
- How has New York changed over time?
- How is it different from Winchester?

#### Art:

Pop art - inspired by Roy Lichtenstein and Jasper John

#### English:

- Writing discussion texts to show different points of view.
- Using hurricanes as a theme and stimulus for diary writing, focusing on creating tension and suspense
- Writing an earthquake information sheet
- Revision and extension of grammar; labelling and understanding different word types e.g. noun, verb, adjective

#### Maths:

- Mental calculations using all 4 number operations
- Revision of formal written methods and applying these to problem solving

#### Science: Light

- Does light travel in straight lines?
- How does the eye see objects?
- How are shadows formed?

#### Computing:

- Image editing to create Pop Art
- Online safety - risk
- Breaking a sequence into small steps to create an algorithm
- Scratch coding

**Music:** Creating musical effects to suggest extreme weather.

#### PE:

**Gymnastics:** balances and creating sequences of movement on the floor and apparatus

**Games:** tag rugby

#### RE:

Journeys - Why might a journey be special; to whom and why? Look at pilgrimages made by people of different faiths



## Year 6 Events for Autumn 2

**Mon 2 Nov** INSET Day - no school for pupils

**Tues 3 Nov** Second half term begins

**Fri 6 Nov** – Flu Vaccinations

**Fri 13 Nov** Children in Need non-uniform day

**Tues 24 Nov** School photos

**Wed 25 Nov** No pens Wednesday

**Fri 11 Dec** Christmas Jumper Day

**Fri 18 Dec** – second half-term finishes at 1.15pm



## Topic 2 Secret Agents

Looking at the significance of the Battle of Britain as a turning point in British history, and the role of intelligence agents during WW2.

### History Key Questions:

- When did the Battle of Britain take place?
- How was it significant in changing the course of the war?

### English:

- Writing to persuade - letters
- Performance poetry
- Speech punctuation
- Descriptions of characters

### Maths:

- Factors and multiples
- Fractions - equivalence, simplifying, comparing and ordering
- Converting mixed numbers to improper fractions
- Addition and subtraction of fractions with different denominators
- Multiplying and dividing fractions
- Area and perimeter

### Science - Electricity

- What are the dangers of electricity?
- Completing and repairing circuits
- Drawing circuit diagrams

### Computing:

- E-safety - digital footprint
- Learning to program Micro:Bits

**DT:** Electronics - switches and circuits

### PE:

- Games: Basketball
- WW2 dance

### Music:

- WW2 music

### RE:

- The Christmas Mystery: Why two stories? Considering the idea of interpretation and how the Christian account of Jesus' birth is described in the Bible in the books of Matthew and Luke.