

Year 6 Newsletter

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Put Out That Light

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We are so sad that this half term can't be as we had planned and we are really missing all of those children that can't be with us here in school. Despite the restrictions, we have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term.

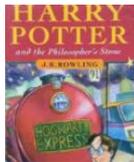


History

This project is about World War Two and the part England played in this war. The children will find out about what life was like during the Blitz and why children were evacuated into the countryside just before the war started. Our aim is to develop enquiry and research skills, allowing the children to source information, both primary and secondary to help them form historical opinions based on evidence.

Maths This half term we are focussing on the multiplication and division of decimals, the links between decimals, fractions and percentages, as well as finding percentage amounts of whole numbers.

Writing We are using the story of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling, and will write about a problem from the story and how it is overcome; we will also be writing a news report on our very own 'Quidditch match', as well as continuing to embed our sentence structures using commas, dashes, semi-colons and brackets. If you have access to Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – please encourage your child to have a read. Likewise, the film will also give them lots of ideas for their writing – this is a P.G. Certificate.



Reading and Reading Comprehension In guided reading we are continuing to focus on explaining what words mean in the context that they are written and the effect they have on the reader. We will continue to develop our inference skills to read between what is written and what is suggested and explain this using A (Answer it), P (prove it), E (explain it).

Science In science we will be focusing on the classification of animals and plants. Children will learn to describe and explain how living things are classified

into broad groups according to common, observable characteristics based on similarities and differences.

Computing We will be using Purple Mash to complete a wide range of computing activities. This will include coding, animation and computer art.

RE The RE focus this term is to think about the different beliefs we have as a nation, and here in Sheffield. Alongside this, we will be exploring the concept of British Values and using the Philosophy for Children enquiry model to raise and discuss 'big questions'.

Art We will be creating collages based on the Blitz in Sheffield.



Music

In music this term, we will be asking the questions: what is the purpose of a graphic score? How do you create an effective one? We will then compose our own score, and then perform our own piece of music using instruments.

PE It is very important that children remain active during this period to support both their physical and mental wellbeing. If you are limited in terms of space and equipment, Joe Wicks has a bank of exercise videos on his YouTube channel @TheBodyCoach that will certainly get children moving. If you have access to a garden, children could complete an activity of choice such as football or basketball.



PSHE We will be looking at how important quality sleep is as well as looking after our mental wellbeing.

Key Vocabulary:

Classification:



Evacuation:



Enquiry:



Vertebrates



Evidence:



Research:



Best Wishes

Mrs Atherton, Miss Deans and Mr Cain - the Y6 team