

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter 2018

Welcome back to the Autumn Term!

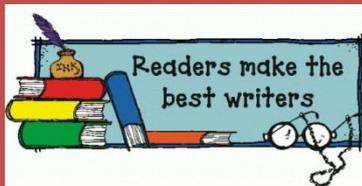
We are extremely excited to be teaching Sun and Star class again. The first week back has been wonderful and it has been great to see the children refreshed, excited and eager to learn. We have an exciting term planned, including a trip to the Churchill Cabinet War Rooms, Enterprise Day and our Christmas Performance.

As we all know this is an important year for Year 6. The whole team have been impressed by the focus and enthusiasm of the children so far and we are sure that this will continue as we aim towards the SATs in May. Following on from the SATS, we have exciting trips planned for the class and I am certain they will thoroughly enjoy their last year at Coppermill.

If you have any comments or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to us after school or you can call the school office to arrange a meeting.

Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to a great term with your children!

Miss Jones, Mr Walden, Mr Jessener, Ms Woodgate, Miss Goss and Miss Pytel



Literacy

This term, Year 6 pupils are being taught literacy with either with Miss Jones, Mr Walden or Mr Jessener. As part of cross-curricular learning, the topic this term is World War II. The children will be reading key texts linked to these topics including *Friend or Foe* and extracts from Anne Frank's Diary. We will be sequencing and writing stories, letters, diaries and non-chronological reports. In addition, the children will learn how to construct and begin their sentences in a variety of ways using figurative language devices and more complex grammatical forms such as embedded clauses.

The children will be taught grammar as part of their literacy lessons, reading comprehension skills and spelling strategies.

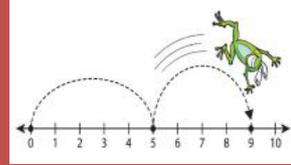
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



Mathematics



Like Literacy, Mathematics will be taught by either Miss Jones, Mr Walden or Mr Jessener. This term, Year 6 pupils are going to begin by building upon their knowledge of number and arithmetic. We will be exploring the different techniques that the children can use to answer questions involving the four operations (+ - x ÷). This will also involve practising one and two-step word problems. Following on from this we will work on negative numbers, area and perimeter and angles as well as more advanced topics that will feature in the KS2 SATs tests. Children will explore mathematical concepts using a mastery approach where they will be given the opportunity to explore concepts in a concrete, representational and abstract way. Children will be encouraged to deepen their reasoning skills through this mastery approach and this will in turn deepen their understanding.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>



Science

This term, the children will be learning about The Human Body. We will be exploring the different parts of the body through practical, hands-on experiences planned to inspire the children's curiosity. We will also be looking at planning and conducting investigations.



Humanities



This term our History topic is World War II. We will be looking at life on the 'home front', how Londoners survived the Blitz and what happened to children during the war. We will be looking at a range of primary and secondary source material as well as studying the impact of the war on the local area. Additionally, we will learn about the Holocaust through the writing of Anne Frank and other first-hand accounts.



Computing

In addition to using ICT to research projects and present their work across all subjects, this term's topic will be cryptography. As well as understanding how messages have been sent cryptically throughout history (including in World War II), they will use micro:Bits to encrypt and send messages.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.light-bot.com

www.code.org

www.kodugamelab.com



Art/Design & Technology

We will be looking at art inspired by World War II and the Blitz. Children will be observing and recreating some popular pieces of art.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their artistic skills:

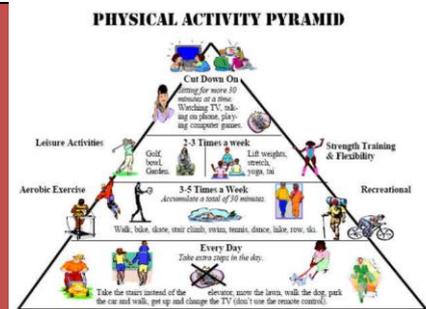
<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>

http://www.mykidsart.com.au/Vincent_van_Gogh_Famous_Artists_My_Kids_Art.html



P.E.



Sun will be doing P.E. on **Tuesday** and Star will be doing P.E. on **Thursday**

Please ensure your child come to school in their PE kit on this day. This term will be focused on team games.



Home Learning

Year 6 will receive maths homework each Friday which will be based upon their weekly learning outcomes. Homework should be return **by Tuesday** the next week.

Mr Walden and Miss Jones will hand out weekly spellings which will be tested every Friday. We expect the children to read **every day** and record their reading in their reading records.