



Burlish Park Primary Year 6

Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back! Year 6 staff are pleased to welcome the children back. We are really enthusiastic about the new term and we are looking forward to the opportunities and learning that the pupils will be experiencing during their year with us! *Mrs Jelfs & Miss Ramsden*

Reading

We will begin the year by reading books about WW2; Flossie's Secret diary, The Harmonica and A Christmas Truce. These books will engage the children and offer lots of opportunities to inspire their writing and enhance their use of vocabulary. We know that the topic of war can be upsetting but we will be looking at it in a very sensitive way and hope to inform children of an event that shaped our futures.

Maths

During this term, there will be a huge focus on calculation methods. We will be completing an arithmetic task daily as it is important that the children build confidence.

Our daily lessons will be split into 3 parts; try it, twist it and deepen it. This allows the children to develop their fluency skills and apply them to reasoning and problem-solving activities.

Writing

In English, we will be focusing on the style and stamina of the children's writing. They will be consolidating the skills that they have previously been taught to ensure that they produce writing that is lively and interesting. We will be taking the children on a variety of trips throughout the year to capture their imagination and inspire their writing. All children will be expected to use a full range of punctuation matched to text types in a cohesive manner.

Science

In Science, the children will learn about the life of Stephen Hawking, Alexander Flemming and Mary Leaky. We will research scientists and inventors, create a DNA model, construct graphs and describe fossils.

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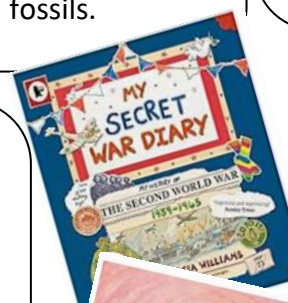
The children will think deeply about different religions. During class discussions, they will share their thoughts and feelings and reflect upon why different people live their lives differently.

History and Geography

Our focus this term in History and Geography is World War 2. They will explore the outbreak of war, what it would have been like for the evacuees and the roles and responsibilities that individuals had.

Art and DT

The children will be working on their sketching techniques throughout the autumn term. They will work up to creating a final piece of art work based on World War 2.



Computing

For the first term back, the children will be focusing on coding; they will be looking at variables and creating inputs and outputs to design a program.

ACTIVE HOMEWORK

- We want to make homework fun! During this year, your child will be set Active Homework in both Maths and English. We will set the homework every Tuesday and they will have one week to complete it.
- Each Week, in the children's homework diary, there will be a label showing the link to where the homework can be accessed online. All of the information explaining the task will be there. Once your child has completed their Active Homework, we would like the label to be signed by a parent or carer.
- On the back of the children's homework diary we have provided links to online resources that might be useful in order to complete the homework.

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 11th September – Meet the Teacher 3.15pm until 4.15pm
- Monday 9th September – Mock SATS
- Wednesday 18th September – SATS Meeting for Y6 parents 2.45pm until 3.15pm
- Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October – Parents' Evenings
- Tuesday 22nd October - Parent Pop in: Active Maths
- Half Term: 28/10/19 – 1/11/19
- Tuesday 5th November – Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum.
- Wednesday 11th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Assembly (times to be confirmed)



We are determined to get more children reading! We want to encourage all children to read more. *'It is vital that children enjoy reading - motivation is essential for acquiring literacy skills. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.'* Reading Agency.

Please write the title of the book and sign your child's diary whenever they read at home. We will record this at the end of each week. Not only will your child be rewarded with an abundance of literacy skills but they will be rewarded by us too. Happy reading!

Recommended reads:

Wonder – R J Palacio, *Trash* – Andy Mulligan, *The Girl Savage* – Katherine Rundell & *Holes* – Louis Sachar.

Calling all Students!

If you would like to become a Prefect or a lunch time helper at Burlish Park Primary you will need to write a letter of application to your class teacher. You need to be reliable and a good role model for other children at our school.

If you would like to become a Librarian, please write a letter of application to Mrs. Bryan. You will need to be reliable, organised and be enthusiastic about reading.

If you would like to be a House Captain, please write a letter to your Head of House.

Letters to be given in by **Monday 16th September**.