



Year 6 - Autumn Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Blackthorn Primary School

Reading and English

As always, our initial focus this term is on building the children's vocabulary. We will be reading several texts linked to our theme of World War II with the main being 'The Lion and The Unicorn'. Drawing out the vocabulary and word classes will be our focus and how we can use this knowledge to write our own ambitious sentences that are grammatically correct. Within our English lessons we will cover the spelling and grammar rules the children are expected to know in Year 6. The children will have the opportunity to write descriptive pieces independently alongside practicing their more formal and factual writing in the form of a biography.

Maths

To start off this year, Year 6 will be focusing on place value, counting into the millions and ordering numbers. We will also cover both the mental methods and formal written methods for addition and subtraction strategies as well as multiplication and division methods. These topics will consolidate the learning the children completed in Year 5. It is essential that children know their multiplication and division facts up to x 12 – this will be an area of increased focus during the Autumn term.

This term Year 6 will be focussing on the History topic of World War Two. Children will learn about the background and origins of World War Two, focussing on the aftermath of World War One. They will learn about the events of the 1920s and 1930s which led to the outbreak of World War Two. Children will learn about the key people and nations involved in the war, as well as the efforts made in Britain to protect its people, such as rationing and evacuation.

Our RE lessons this term will be focussed on 'What it's like to be a Muslim'. The children will learn about the Five Pillars of Islam and understand how these are the foundations of Islam and how Muslims try to observe them.

In our weekly Science lesson, we will study the human circulatory system and how this links to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Children will explore in detail the structure and function of the blood, heart and blood vessels which together make up the circulatory system. They will learn about the important work of the physician, William Harvey and how he helped scientists to understand how blood circulates around the body.

In Art, children will be applying their knowledge of tone to make a 2D shape appear 3- dimensional and add depth and distance to foreground and background. They will be taught about negative space and how to use this for effect. They will master their use of patterning techniques and develop an investigative approach to exploring mark making using a range of drawing materials.

Ways to help at home:

- Revise times-table daily
- Read often – Change book weekly
- Learn to spell unfamiliar words (Year 6 spelling list)
- Complete homework to build on learning in school

Other information:

- P.E will be on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Homework will be set on Office 365 every Friday and will be expected to be completed by the following Wednesday.