

### Reading

In addition to library and Accelerated Reader books we have now commenced our Star Trust Star Readers programme. The aim is for all children to read a minimum of 10 of these books before the end of the year. Please look through the booklet provided to your child and help them to select their next books. These books are changed every 2 weeks.



### Homework



As you will have gathered, we are now using 'My Maths' for mathematics homework: this is set each Friday and is to be completed by Monday. English will still be completed in the English homework books. The 'My Maths' needs to be completed on-line, so please allow your child access to the internet to complete it.

### PE

All Children have PE on a Friday afternoon.

It is important that your child is not wearing any jewellery in school and that an appropriate PE kit is in school at all times.

Can we also ask you to place the name of your child on the equipment as we have had a number of pieces of lost PE kit.



# Year 6 Newsletter

## Spring Term 1 2020

The children will be learning about the following:

- **English-** Our class novel this half- term is 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo. This is a fabulous story of how animals were used by allied forces in WW1 and introduces the children to the relationships created between people and animals. It supports our History topic this half-term (World War 1) and we hope to develop some fabulous written pieces involving the emotional rollercoaster caused by war.



- **Maths-** The main focus of mathematics over this next term is statistics and data. We will be looking at areas such as: mass/ volume/ distance comparisons before moving onto lots of different charts, graphs and tables used to display information. Please remember that there is lots of help and additional mathematics questions available for revision on the school web-site, you can use the following link:  
<https://www.oliveblackburn.com/learning/curriculum/>
- **Science** - This term we will focus on evolution and inheritance. We will learn about characteristics pass on from parents and will be venturing into the world of Cells, Chromosomes, DNA and Genes.
- **History/ Geography-** The topic for this half-term is World War 1. This links nicely to our class novel and will be supported by a trip to the National War Museum North- something the children really enjoyed last year.

- **Art** - Art should be fabulous this next half-term as we are learning how to create pottery! Expect some amazing 'works of Art' to come home in the coming weeks!
- **Spellings-** We will be revising a number of spelling rules this term. Please practise the spellings with your child and ensure they also understand the meanings of the words.
- **French-** This term we are moving to fruit and vegetables before combining this with numbers and basic greetings.
- **RE-** The topic for RE this term is "Speaking for yourself." It will allow the children to make their own mind up on topical issues and express these clearly.

#### What you can do at home:

- Read with your child every day. Then ask them questions about the text. "Why do you think...?" "What does that tell us about...?"
- Encourage your child to use ambitious vocabulary in their writing.
- Assist your child in learning the place value up to a Million and practice times table speed.
- Use the mathematics support on the school web-site to help your child.

If you would like to speak to the class teacher, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

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