

Welcome to Year 6 / Class 1

Autumn Term
2016

Welcome back to school. I hope that the following information will be helpful and will enable you to support your child's learning at home. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 6 has to offer! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch for a chat. My door is always open! Our Cornerstones topic this term is 'The Blitz'. This is a history-based topic, focusing on the major events and consequences of WW11.

Miss Oldfield



The Blitz

Mathematics

We will be continuing with topics from the Abacus maths books along with problem solving activities. On Thursday mornings the children will be taught by Mr Wagner of Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive School.

English

Our Literacy learning focus for the term as far as possible will be based around the topic. Our focused text is 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden.

Suggested ways in which you can support literacy and numeracy:

It would be helpful if you could practise mental addition, subtraction and times tables regularly, please try to do this in a fun way to encourage your child to join in. Big Maths Learn It homework and Beat That questions will be sent home every Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. Your continued efforts working with your child to practise and learn these facts are greatly appreciated. Your child will be listened to read every week during structured Guided Reading sessions. Please also listen to your child read a book of their choice or their reading scheme book (whichever is applicable to your child) at home on a regular basis.

P.E.

The focus for P.E. this term is Gymnastics. P.E kit for Class 1 is required on Tuesday. Please remind your child to bring in their P.E kit each week.

Other information

We are planning on having a 'VE Day' celebration to finish our topic off in style! The children can enjoy celebrating together. Look out for an additional letter explaining more information about this.

Information and artefacts, which would be useful:

As a class we would welcome any interesting artefacts from WW11 that we might borrow to develop a museum.

Additionally you may have personal experiences or expertise in these areas, you might like to share them with the class. Any internet research will be more meaningful to your child if it is restricted to pictures and information specifically prepared for children

Homework

Homework will be set in addition to the regular reading, spellings and Big Maths. I appreciate your continued support to work through homework activities when sent home with your child to consolidate their class learning. Topic homework can be sent in at any time throughout the term.

Here are some activities to support your child's learning at home. Your child should bring in any completed activities **before the end of this half term**. Please ensure that a minimum of 2 tasks are completed. Please ensure that presentation must be of a high standard.

Use the words 'The Blitz' to create an acrostic poem.



Become a designer and design your own evacuee name tag. Try and keep it as authentic as possible.

Make a model of an Anderson shelter from building blocks. Photograph your achievement and record the number of blocks used.

Homework Grid

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Blitz

Think about rationing...
Make your own bread and serve it to your family. Write out the recipe including ingredients and method. Take photographs to share in class.

Create a fact file about your favourite aspect of WWII. Include photographs to wow your classmates. Try and complete this task using PowerPoint.

Make a 3D model of a Spitfire. Look at examples on the computer first. The length of your model must be no longer than 30cm and the wingspan no longer than 20 cm.

Use Morse code to write a message to a friend or family member. Can they crack your secret code?

