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Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

We are delighted to welcome the children back after half term; we hope you enjoyed spending time with your families. This half term often flies by as we lead up to the Christmas fun in December. Please remember that we break up on Friday 15th. Please check the newsletters and the school website for dates over Christmas including Christmas dinners.

Parent meetings are being held Wednesday 22nd November throughout the day.

We are always happy to support you and your children over the year and we will be in our usual drop off and collection points before school and after school if you have any messages or questions. The best way to communicate with us is through our year group email address: year6@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk.

Library and PE days.

Our library day is on a **Friday** and our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Sometimes these sessions are outside and even if it is cold, we will be going out. Children should continue to wear their colour tops, school jumper and black jogging bottoms or shorts. We are lucky to be having Chance to Shine cricket company in for our Wednesday session.

Reading at home

We will continue to follow our reading challenge expectations; children will earn ticks over the year and catch up reading will take place of Fridays if children have not read at least 5 times in the previous week. We check daily so will not accept signatures late or all at the end of the week. We already have several children who have earned their 25 reads award. Well done.

Homework

We will continue to send home learning home on a Friday and we will always send a text the day before or on the day to let you know when it should be handed in. If children do not complete home learning they will have a catch-up session during a play time with an adult from our year group. It will always relate to learning in class. We always go over home learning with the children and it may be that they peer or self-mark. We also set weekly assignments on Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars. There is an expectation that children are spending at least 30 minutes on each, every week. We have noticed that there has been little engagement with these online platforms last term. This is a great way for children to continue to practice their multiplication skills and spellings so please encourage them to use these at home.



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Trips

As we move into the second half of the Autumn term, our main planned trip is Runways End. The next instalment of £55 for Runway's End is due by **Friday 24th November**.

Curriculum Autumn 2: World War II

History

We are studying World War II and teaching a range of skills. These are some of the areas we will explore: Why did Britain go to war? Who won the battle of Britain? What do sources tell us about the blitz? What was evacuation like for children? What impact did WWII have on women's lives? At the end of the unit, we would love to have a WWII day.

English

We will be reading a text called 'Letters from a Lighthouse' This text will be used to drive our writing, which will include a diary entry, non-chronological report and story writing. We will also focus on reading skills including inference, retrieval, fluency and learning new vocabulary.

Maths

Our first unit will focus on the four operations in the context of measure. We will also apply these skills to our arithmetic sessions in the morning. We will then move on to geometry looking at properties of different shapes, angles, area and perimeter.

French

In our weekly French lessons, we will be learning to use adjectives in French including: simple descriptions, describing people in French, describing personalities and writing portraits of friends in French.

Music

In our music sessions we will be learning all about WWII songs including: The white cliffs of Dover, singing for victory, pitch up, how to harmonise and to notate.

Science

We will be learning about Light. To learn this, children will use a range of investigative skills.

PDL



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In our PDL lessons we will look at celebrating difference which includes looking at differences between people, power struggles and bullying. Our no outsiders lesson will be a book called 'Introducing Teddy' and we are lucky to have a special guest -Andrew Moffat- who will be delivering this session.

RE

In our religious studies we will be looking at incarnation. Children will learn about Christian views of Jesus as the Messiah and study the evidence presented in the bible.

Computing

Children will be learning about computing systems and networks. They will focus on coding and how Bletchley Park was used during World War II.

Art

Linked in with our WWII, we will be looking at an artist called Henry Moore. We will be using wax resist, painting, sketching and making poppies.

We are looking forward to another fun filled half term with plenty of good learning!

Mrs L James and Miss Hall



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