



# Newsletter: November 2023

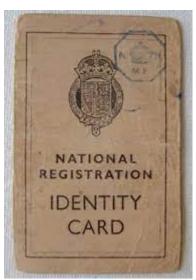
# Goríllas are gentle; goríllas are strong.

#### Welcome back

Welcome to the second half of our autumn term. It is great to see all the children refreshed from their break, ready for another exciting half-term in Year 6.

#### Year 6 topic enrichment day

We started the half term with a topic enrichment day. Most pupils dressed up as a World War II evacuee child for the day. We learned more about the reasons for the Second World War starting and what it would have been like to have been a child during WWII. Many children had to evacuate to a safer home: leaving behind their parents and many of their belongings.



# <u>The Curriculum</u>

### <u>English</u>

In English, we have started this half term by thinking about our descriptive writing. Throughout this half term, we will be focusing on many of the Year 6 writing targets that pupils need to include in their independent writing. We will then continue to use World War II as a stimulus for our writing: for example, we will be studying Anne Frank and writing diaries.

## <u>Maths</u>

We have started this half-term by continuing with our work on fractions. We will then be moving on to decimals and then measurements.



Elsewhere across the curriculum, we will be learning about 'Animals Including Humans' in Science lessons and Wearable Tech in Computing. We will, of course, be continuing our study of World War II in Topic.

### Taking responsibility

There are several things that Year 6 pupils can do to ensure they are taking responsibility, which in turn will help prepare them better for secondary school. Firstly, ensuring that book bags come into school every day with the correct books (home school record books and spelling record books). They can also make sure that they have the correct uniform for each day, bring their water bottle and hand in their homework on time.

### <u>Homework diaries</u>

Please ensure diaries (home school records) are signed each week, as not only is this is good preparation for secondary school, but it also allows any communication between home and school to be picked up quickly and easily. Please encourage your child to hand their homework diary to a teacher if there is a message that needs to be read urgently.

#### Homework

As ever, homework will be given out on a Thursday and is to be returned to school by the following Tuesday at the latest. Pupils should take responsibility for ensuring they complete as much of their homework as possible independently and handing it in on time.



## Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will be set on a Tuesday ready for a spelling test the following Tuesday. Pupils should be learning these spellings at home, ready for the weekly spelling test. Furthermore, pupils should be practising their times tables at home to help them to become more confident in other areas of Maths. Spelling practice and times table practice should be completed in addition to the homework that has been set.

If you are in any doubt about the homework set, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team before it is due in.

Kind regards,

Mr Cunningham & the Year 6 Team