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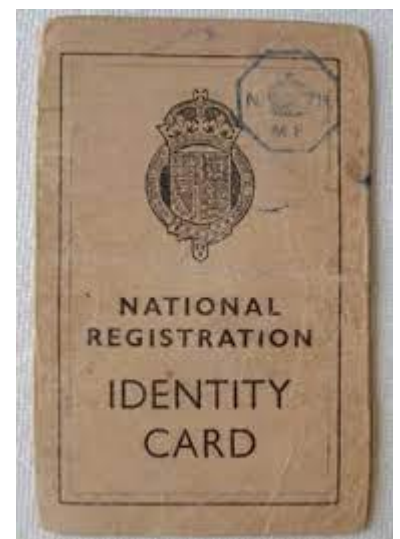
Gorillas are gentle; gorillas are strong.

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 trip

We started the half term with a fantastic trip to Holdenby House where the pupils were transported back in time to 1942 as they became child evacuees for the day. Mrs North showed us how to make Woolton Pie and a range of other seasonal wartime foods. During our WWII experience, we also learnt about many other aspects of the war such as: how to keep safe in an air raid and rationing of food and materials.



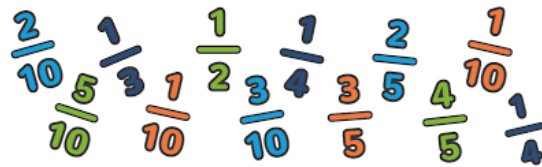
The Curriculum

English

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.

Maths

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.

Homework diaries

Please ensure diaries (home school records) are signed each week, as not only is this 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.

Furthermore, spellings will be set on a Monday ready for a spelling test the following Monday. Pupils should be learning these spellings at home 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