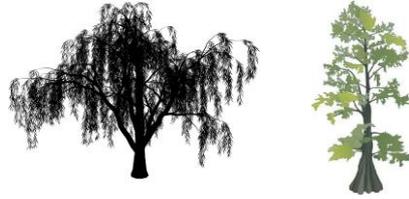


# Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers:

We are very excited to have the privilege of working with your children. There are so many important and exciting milestones that will be happening for your child this year; We have no doubt that it will be fantastic! The Year 6 team consists of: Nina, Kabita, Miss Williams and Miss Lukwesa.

The following is an overview of what your child will be taught in the first half of the Autumn term, as well as general timetabling information.

In **English**, our first novel will be "Goodnight Mr Tom" by Michelle Magorian. We will be investigating the book together. Some of the genres we will be writing this term include a diary entry, a persuasive letter, description, and a short story. We will also be focusing on key grammar and punctuation skills. A big focus this year will be on spelling. In order to ensure the children are improving their spelling, tests will happen every Friday.

We will be continuing our **Reading** program: Destination Reader. We would like you to discuss the key skills of reading with your children (predicting, making connections, asking questions, evaluating, inferring, summarising and clarifying.) Your child will have the opportunity to take home a reading book each week.

Our **Maths** focus this half-term will include: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be solving word problems, developing our ability to explain and check our working out. We will also be taking part in several math investigations. Children will also be practicing mental math strategies and arithmetic. **We will have an arithmetic test every Tuesday.**

Our **History** topic will be **World War 2**. We will be learning about the experiences of child evacuee's as a result of The Blitz and the experience of Jewish people in concentration camps. We will also discuss how the war started in 1939 and the key events that took place up to the end of the war in 1945. Alongside this newsletter, you have received a knowledge organiser. This contains an overview of key knowledge for your child's history topic this half term. Please encourage your child to become familiar with the knowledge contained in the organiser at home, as this will allow for more focus on historical skills, rather than knowledge, within lessons.

In **Science**, our topic will be about **Electricity**. We will learn to compare and give reasons for variations in how components function and use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

In **Art & DT**, we will be learning how to sketch and paint perspective landscapes linked to the topic of World War 2. We will discuss ideas, methods and approaches used by artists and the children will adapt and refine their own ideas.

Our overarching theme in **Religion** this term is: "What might the journey of life and death look like from a Christian perspective?". In this unit the children will be exploring the stages of life. They will also investigate beliefs about life and life after death and encouraging them to reflect on and express their hopes for the future.

**Physical Education** will be on **Wednesday**. This term, our topic is orienteering and adventurous activities. Physical education will take place outside this term (unless raining), please ensure your child comes to school in the correct kit on this day. The PE sessions will be led by Anna who is the lead member of staff for PE at St Luke's.

In **French** this half-term, Year 6 will be learning through the French language about some of the key leaders, dates and events of World War II in France.

Finally, in **Music** children will be exploring rhythm and melody through singing, movement and dance. In our World Unite unit they will take a trip around the world to celebrate the universal language of music.

Homework has been set for the half term and will focus on literacy work with a list of spellings that will be tested every Friday afternoon. We would also strongly encourage all children to complete a homework project. This half term we would like to see some 3D work on World War 2. In addition to this, your child will be expected to read for **15-20 minutes every night**. We will also be setting a weekly optional homework task for Maths and Grammar every Wednesday. If you would like your child to receive this optional homework, then please return the slip attached to the spelling list.

We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us, we will always be on the gate at home time to meet you.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams, Miss. Lukwesa, Nina and Kabita

The Year 6 Teaching Team

