



# Dunmore School



## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring

Dear Parents/carers

Here we go with another busy term in Year 6. We have many interesting and exciting opportunities planned throughout Terms 3 and 4, and these are detailed below.

#### **Topics this term: Term 3 and 4: A Wartime Childhood and Going Global**

Our first topic looks at the experiences of children through the Second World War. This will include finding out about Evacuation, the Blitz and how war affected their daily lives.

In addition, this term's Geography will include our topic **Going Global**. We will be improving our Geographical skills through map work, locational knowledge and compass work. Geography will also focus on maps of Europe relating to WW2.

#### **English**

We begin with a focus on biographical writing leading to creating our own biographies of famous and influential people. We will explore diary entries and recounts in connection with our WW2 topic and excerpts from the Diary of Anne Frank. All children will be part of a guided reading group. They will focus on a book which they will read and analyse together. Each group will be led by one of the class teachers on a weekly basis. We will continue to teach Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG) in a discrete weekly session, as well as through other English lessons, where appropriate. Weekly spelling tests will continue.

#### **Maths**

Maths will be taught through differentiated groups. Coverage this term will be balanced and appropriate according to the individual needs of your child. Whatever level your child is working at, their needs will be both supported and challenged. All children will build upon their existing understanding of the number and place value system. They will consolidate strategies and application of the four operations to solve problems in line with the new, and now current, curriculum. On Fridays, the main focus of maths will be developing formal written methods in line with the new style Arithmetic assessment.

#### **Science**

Science will be investigating Light and Sight. We will explore the physics how light travels and how shadows are created and changed. The children will investigate reflection and refraction of light. In biology children will study the structure of the eye and how we see.

#### **Computing**

We will be learning how to keep ourselves safe when using the Internet and considering aspects of cyber bullying. A useful website for parents wanting to find out more about cyber safety is <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

We will also be developing our Coding Skills.

#### **Other Subjects**

Music sessions are fortnightly with our Specialist Music Teacher, Mrs Scaber.

Art/DT – We will be exploring colour mixing and creating colour wheels with paint. Connections with our WW2 topic will include using a variety of medium to create Blitz silhouettes and Propaganda posters. In D.T. children will create Wartime gardens, look at food rations and try our hand at Wartime Cookery.

Outdoor PE units this term include: netball, basketball, football and gym. Dance units will link to our history topic and explore creative dance with an evacuation theme.

PSHE – We will be discussing our responsibilities as citizens and the role we all play in looking after each other in our class, our family and our community. This will be reinforced by our highly successful and valuable trip to Rewley Road Fire Station where the children will be part of the Junior Citizen Programme working with members of different Emergency Services. We view this visit as a crucial stepping stone to Secondary School transition.

French will be taught by our specialist French teacher, Mrs George.

| <b>Important Information</b>   |  |
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| <b>Spelling Test</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Children have lists in planners for the whole term.</li> <li>✓ Spelling test every Friday (class 14) and Thursday (class 15)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Homework</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 2 pieces of homework set every Monday</li> <li>✓ Due in following Monday</li> </ul>   |
| <b>PE</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Monday (Indoor P.E. for class 14) and Friday (class 15)</li> <li>✓ Wednesday –full afternoon of outdoor P.E. (alternative weeks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Please ensure that PE kit, including trainers, are in school all week</b></p> |
| <b>Reading books</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Children need an Independent reading book in school every day. This can be a book from home or one from school.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Requests from Parents</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign planners on a weekly basis please, reading any messages or notes that the children have recorded.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>Key Dates</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 visit to Larkmead School to watch Billy Elliot musical</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 visit to Fitzharrys School to watch Hairspray</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Inset day</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - whole school Subject Specific week</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm – Amey Theatre Spring Concert</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Junior Citizen Trip for Year 6</b></li> </ul> |  |
| <b>Advance Notice:</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm- SATs Parent Meeting</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Start of SATs week (Mon –Fri)</b></li> </ul>   |  |

**Signed: Mrs Gledhill, Mrs Ross and Miss Stott**

**Year 6 Team**