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Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely break.

This half term the children will be engaged in a variety of challenging, engaging and interactive learning opportunities and it promises to be a very busy few weeks.

Our topic focus for the Spring term will be World War 2 and we will be visiting **Eden Camp on Thursday 25th January 2018**. Please ensure you have given permission for your child to attend through the Whatsapp link sent in December. Please contact myself or the school if you are struggling with accessing the link.

In Science, we will be learning about the human circulatory system and how diet and exercise can impact our bodies. We'll be aiming to improve our fitness levels throughout January – feel free to join in with us for the new year!

Please remind children that shoes must be completely black and that trainers are not allowed (unless they are completely black and appropriate). Additionally, children will not be allowed to take part in P.E without appropriate kit.

Homework will continue to be given out on Fridays and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Spellings will still be given out on Fridays for a spelling test the following Friday. Children should be reading at home regularly, at least three times a week. Please sign their planners to show they have read at home.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to inform parents/carers that the learning will be ramping up another gear in preparation for the SATS at the start of May and subsequent transition to secondary school. It is essential that children are making the right choices – every day, at all times. **Behaviour must be impeccable**. There will be extra interventions taking place throughout break times and lunch times, which will be supporting specific children in reading, grammar, spellings, writing and maths. Homework will be linked to the current learning so it is essential that the children have a go and return it. Also, the children have the CGP text books to revise from at their own will – this will support your child with the independency required at secondary school.

Many thanks for your continuous support.

Year 6

Miss Armitage, Mr Everett and Mrs Tarrant



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English

Our class novel for this term will be **The Boy in Striped Pyjamas**. We will be reading this as a class and using it to inspire our writing – a newspaper report and a diary entry.

We will also be looking at **The Charge of the Light Brigade** and writing our own war poetry.

Our non-fiction texts will be linked to our history topic of World War 2.

Computing

Our theme for this half-term is MEASURE. We will be using various pieces of equipment to measure variables such as sound and temperature. We will link in our maths knowledge to interpret the data.



PSHCE

We will be learning the facts about drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

How do we understand, assess and manage the risks?

P.E Social skills is our underlying theme for this half-term.



R.E.

What does it mean to be a Sikh? What are the main teachings? How does this compare to Christianity?

Science

Human circulatory system

We will be finding out how the heart works and how blood gets pumped round the body. We will find out the impact of diet, exercise and drugs on the body. Let's get our heart rate up and improve our fitness throughout January.

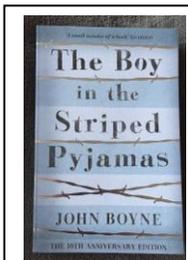
History

World War 2

We will create a timeline of events and find out what countries were involved. Why did the war start? Why were children evacuated and where did they go?

Eden Camp visit – 25th January

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Important Information

- Eden camp permission and payment
- Lawnswood Hairspray Production permission
- Children are encouraged to read at home at least 3 times a week, planners must be signed
- Reading books are changed when needed
- All homework is set on a Friday and is due back on a Wednesday.
- Spellings given out on Fridays and tested the following Friday
- P.E. kit is needed in school every day
- Last day of term is Friday 9th February



DT: We will be finding out about rationing and the foods that were eaten during the second world war. The children will design their own rationed menu and cook some of the dishes.

Music

We will listen to and sing some war time classics. Make sure to ask the children what songs they have learned and perhaps ask them to sing the songs to their grandparents or elderly relatives. We will also create some beats using our 'improvised' untuned instruments.

Maths

- Fractions
- Decimal numbers (up to 3dp)
- Percentages and their equivalences
- Angles
- Statistics
- Algebra
- Weekly arithmetic skills
- Problem solving and reasoning
- SATS style questions