Iveson Primary School
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Year 6 Newsletter Spring 1

This half-term, we will be developing oracy and our persuasive writing skills through debating. The children will generate and refine arguments 'for' and 'against' a motion, whilst deepening their ability to consider alternative points of view. Our class text will be 'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serraillier, a novel set in Poland during WW II. We will also be reading 'When the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle. This story follows a young boy who is sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. Children will develop their comprehension skills and fluency whilst discussing these texts. These will also be a stimulus for some narrative writing, where children will consider how sentence structure and imagery can create tension.

Children will be given a spelling rule each week and ten words to learn. They will be tested on these every Friday. The spelling words can be practised on Spelling Shed.

In Year 6 Maths this half-term, pupils will be developing their understanding of **algebra, ratio and decimals**. They will begin to explore simple algebra by using symbols to represent unknown numbers and solving basic equations. In ratio, children will learn how to compare quantities and use ratio language to solve problems. When working with decimals, they will practise reading, writing, comparing and calculating with decimals in real-life contexts, helping to strengthen their confidence and problem-solving skills.

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KEY DATES

KS2 SATs Information Meeting

Thursday, 22nd January at 2.30pm

PE DAYS: Mon and Tues

In Science, students will be exploring how light works. They will be investigating how light travels and how it is reflected. We will also explore what effects the size of shadows and how we can change shadows. Finally, we will consider how we are able to see objects.

In **History**, we will be exploring a variety of sources to explore key events during World War II. Specifically, we will be focusing on the Battle of Britain and why this was a major turning point in the war. In **Art**, we will be exploring charcoal drawings and digital media. We will be taking inspiration from artists such as Henry Moore, who used charcoal drawing to capture images during the second world war. In **R.E.**, children will learn about Buddhism.In **Computing**, children will use the programme 'Scratch' to develop their block-based coding skills. Children will design their own projects by selecting variables to create their own games and animations. In **Spanish**, the children will learn to tell the time and use this to talk in depth about their weekends. In **P.E.,** the children will continue to develop agility, balance and coordination. In **Music**, the children will be exploring creative composition. In **P.S.H.E.**, we will be exploring the importance of celebrating difference.

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Instagram *and* ***Facebook*** *to give parents a snapshot of our learning experiences. These posts help families stay connected with what's happening in class and encourage children to share and talk about their own learning at home.*

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