

Nevill Road Junior School 2016-2017

Welcome to Year 6

This half term we are looking at:
The Battle of Hastings, The English Civil War and WWI
Our topic question is: 'Would you give your today for their tomorrow?'



This term we will be focussing on the following areas and skills:

English

Much of our writing will be cross curricular based this year. This half term we will complete several pieces of writing, including:

- Newspaper reports
- Letters - home from the trenches
- Recount- 1st person of truce (story 1st person)
- Narratives

We will also continue to work on our spelling, handwriting, punctuation and grammar.

Maths

To begin the year, we will work to ensure that the four main calculation strategies are embedded.

We will also spend time working on some of the following topics:

- Number work
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Measures and time
- Geometry

These units will include the opportunity for children to explore the three main aims of Maths- **fluency, reasoning and problem solving**. As well as this we will be continuing to develop our mental calculation skills.

Science and Topic

Our topic question for this half term is 'Would you give your today for their tomorrow?' Children will have the opportunity to research and explore three significant wars: The battle of Hastings, The English Civil War and WWI. This topic will allow the children to work practically and collaboratively to explore the significance of these events both locally and worldwide.

In science, we will be exploring 'Light', focusing on parts of the eye and how the eyes see light. This work will allow the children to investigate shadows and apply their understanding of light in experiments.

In Art, we will work alongside our topic question to look more specifically at the Bayeux tapestry. Children will have the opportunity to study, replicate and sketch the tapestry to display in the classrooms.

PE days and what we are doing

Indoor P.E. - Monday

Outdoor P.E. - Thursday

All PE kit should be clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children need to be able to remove them themselves. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit: shorts and T shirt for indoor and jogging bottoms and a T shirt for outdoor. This should be dark bottoms and a white T shirt.

Homework

In our Year group the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

Monday: Maths and Spelling handed out, to be returned **Friday**

Children will also be given a homework matrix for the half term, they must choose a **minimum of 3 tasks** to be completed and brought back to school on the last week of half term.

Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day.

How you can help:

Children should be reading daily as this support their writing and comprehension skills. In English, the children would benefit from practicing high frequency word spellings.

In order to support children in Maths, it is essential that they know their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher should you have any queries or concerns throughout the year, we look forward to working alongside you this year

Miss Wilson, Miss Paterson, Mr Elias