

Bell Farm Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017



Year 6

Dear Parents / Carers,
Hopefully you have found that the children have settled really well into their final year at Bell Farm!

We've wasted no time in getting stuck into our exciting WW2 topic, which we are using as our stimulus across the curriculum. Within this topic, the children will be learning about the people and events that shaped this extremely important historic period. To support both this work, and that covered in literacy, we plan to visit Henley Fort in November.

We hope to help the children in becoming more independent this year; the updated homework / reading planners are designed to encourage more independence on your child's part, and are a great way for us to ensure that children are reading stimulating and challenging texts. Please encourage your children to read, read, read, and engage with them in discussions about the text - the more in depth, the better!

Thank you for your support so far this year. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the Year 6 team.

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What we're learning this term!

English: Over the course of the term, the children will be revisiting a range of writing genres, with an increased focus on the controlled use of grammar and punctuation. We will be using film stimuli, as well as high quality texts, including: 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and 'Adolphus Tips'.

Maths: This term we will be developing the children's ability to call upon a range of strategies when solving problems; we will consolidate all written strategies, as well as encourage children to search for other, more efficient methods. As always, there will be a continued focus to develop speed and fluency of mental calculations.

Science: Our topic is electricity. The children will be experimenting with equipment to deepen their understanding of circuits, and of course, be learning how to stay safe around electricity.

History: World War 2!

Art: Propaganda during the war

Computing: Coding using 'Purple Mash'

RE: Judaism

PSHE and P4C: Developing our attitudes towards challenge, failure and success.

Homework

Monday: Spelling task (due Thursday)

Thursday: Maths & English (due Tuesday)

Daily: Reading & mental maths practice
Spellings will be tested every Monday, and Race around the Track (mental maths) on Friday.

Coming up soon!

We have a really exciting history day-trip to Henley Fort booked for 6th November. Letters will be sent out shortly!

SATs

Although the tests are a long way away, we would like to bring it to your attention that end of Key Stage judgements within writing are solely formed on teacher assessment; it is therefore crucial that our children are producing every piece of written work to their very best standard. For maths and reading, a teacher assessment will be on top of the SATs result. We will hold a SATs information evening next term.