Year 6 Autumn (1) Curriculum Newsletter

2nd September- 23rd October 2026

Class teacher: Mrs Nice

STA: Mrs Henry

Reading **Class book:** Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian **Guided Reading book:** Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo Please ensure that your child reads at home each night to enhance their love of reading and at least 3 times per week to an adult. At times, your child may bring home our class text or guided reading book to read in preparation for our next lesson.	**Writing** We will be writing in a range of styles this ½ term, all linked to our topic of WWII including: Diary entry in role Instructions Non- chronological report Story writing Poems Setting and character descriptions. We will be learning and applying spellings, from our Y5&6 word list, each day in class.	**Maths** This half term we will be learning about: Number: Place Value Number: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Fractions Converting Units of Measure Please use Times Tables Rock Stars at home as this will help your child to become fluent with the times tables. This will help them in many areas of the curriculum.	**PE** During this half term the children will be working on multi-skills. PE will be on a Wednesday so please send your child to school in their grey uniform on this day. This half term, Year 6 will be attending swimming lessons at Workington Leisure Centre daily from 7th September until 11th September. A separate letter has been sent out with more details.
Science Our science topic is 'Living Things – Classifying'. We will be classifying living things by exploring how vertebrates, invertebrates, plants and micro-organisms are grouped according to shared characteristics.	**History** This term, we are learning about WWII. To bring the topic to life, we will be having a visit to Hawse End to experience what life was like for an evacuee who was billeted to the Lakes. The class will also learn about: - The causes of WWII. - Leaders of the main allied and axis nations. - The Blitz. - The Battle of Britain. - Rationing. - The role of Women in WWII. - VE day.	**Computing** Our computing will focus on exploring code-breaking at Bletchley Park, historical figures in computing, the evolution of computers, designing a computer of the future and creating an audio advert	**Art** We will be focusing on drawing this half term and will be exploring how drawing can be used to express ideas and messages, inspired by a range of street art examples and environmental themes.
Music Our music will be looking at and learning songs of WWII. We will: - Use musical and comparative language in discussion. - Follow the melody line. - Follow the scores with a good sense of timing, showing that they understand which section of pitch they are singing. - Sing the correct words at the correct time. - Recall the counter-melody line.	**Homework** The children will receive homework which will be linked to their work in class. It is imperative that all homework is completed and handed in on time so as to ensure that the children are fully prepared for lessons. Homework will be given via Seesaw.	**If you would like to follow up on our learning at home, you could:** • Plan a local visit which ties in with your child's topic-there is a section about WWII in the Beacon or they could also speak to a relative, neighbour or family friend who lived through the war. • Encourage your child to talk about maths in everyday life and use and apply their skills. • Read each evening with your child. • Use Times Tables Rock Stars at home.	**Dates for your diary:** • Monday 7th – Friday 11th September – Swimming (every morning) • Friday 11th September – Wheelchair basketball • Tuesday 15th September – 'Meet the Teacher' Parent Meetings (8.40am and 2.45pm) • Thursday 5th November Hawse End Evacuee visit