

# Year 6 - Autumn 2

## Welcome Back!

### English

This half term the children will be focusing on writing newspaper report based on traditional tales, continue to focus on writing a Non-Chronological report using based on our World War Two learning in History. We will then get into the festive mood and study the classic novel Scrooge by Charles Dickens where they will be using their descriptive writing skills.

- Use emotive and ambitious vocabulary.
- Use a varying range of sentence structures to maintain the reader's interest.
- Use a range of punctuation to support sentence structure and cohesive paragraphs.

**Reading:** We will be reading the text When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle as our class text and use a range of other texts to:

- Develop retrieval skills (identifying the key information in a text.)
- Develop inference skills (reading between the lines)

### History

In History, the children will take a trip back in time to explore life during World War II. They will use a range sources to explore the use of propaganda, the opportunities for women in the war, how children were being affected and how everyday life changed. They will look in detail at the impact of The Blitz and finally use a range of sources to understand what life was like in the Black Country.

### Science

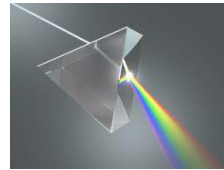
This half term we will be focusing on the unit of 'Light'. We will be investigating how light travels and how it can be reflected off surfaces to reach places not in a direct line with the source. We will be working scientifically to explore refraction, transmission and absorption.

### Art

In Art, the children will be focusing on comparing compositions from two different artists, understanding how to use tone to make an object look 3D and planning and producing a still life painting of their own.

### Assembly Themes

November – Equality (unity)  
December - Honesty



### PE

Year 6 will have PE on a Wednesday. We ask that children to come to school in their PE kit (white top and black shorts/jogging bottoms).

### Computing

Our focus is coding where the children will have the opportunity to design and make a more complex program, understand how functions are created, and use flowcharts to test and de-bug a program.

### French

In French, we are learning to ask and talk about the clothes we wear and how to describe them. We will carry out both verbal and written work.

The staff in Year 6 this year are:

Miss Shackell, Mrs Harper, Mrs Clews

Miss Shackell is Year 5/6 Phase Leader.

Any member of the team is happy to speak to you, if you have a query or you can email year6@queen-vic.dudley.sch.uk

### Maths

This half term we will be focusing on Number. Children will learn the skills of:

Multiplication and division (including long multiplication and long division)  
Adding and subtracting fractions

### RE

This half term the children will be focusing on the question What is prayer and meditation? The children have the opportunity to learn how and why different religions pray and write their own prayers.

### PSHE

Our focus will be on 'Celebrating Differences' where we will look at identifying differences within society and finding ways to recognise and celebrate this diversity.

### Music

In this unit we learn songs of World War 2. We will explore the songs to develop greater accuracy in pitch and control; identifying pitches within an octave when singing and using knowledge of pitch to develop confidence when singing in parts.

### DT

We will be investigating mechanisms involving gears, pulleys and electrical circuits to create our own fairground rides. We will be designing, making and evaluating the final product that is produced.

### Homework

- Read regularly at home and record this in their reading diary
- Practise all multiplication tables, using TT Rockstars
- Children will be given a Maths and SPaG focus piece of homework each fortnight.