

Thank you so much for all the support you gave in helping your child learn their spelling bee words! It was great to see the enthusiasm and joy the children showed in preparing to be successful. There are so many words the children have to learn in Y6; it is wonderful they have made such a positive start.

There were many disappointments for those who missed out on their prize due to one or two small errors. No doubt the children's efforts will be increased this time around!

Mrs Abbott

Term 2 Spelling bee words:

- **soldier**
- **symbol**
- **foreign**
- **desperate**
- **neighbour**
- **lightning**
- sacrifice
- conscious
- conscience
- equipment
- appreciate
- pronunciation
- government
- parliament
- disastrous

GOLD CLASSES

Term 2 Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have enjoyed your break and that the children are looking forward to continuing their Y6 journey.

Our topic work will be investigating why World War One started and the chronology and impact of the war, with a focus upon the role of Dover.

We would like to remind you to please sign your child's reading record to confirm that they have been reading every day.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and for your child, and for taking the time to read this newsletter.

English: This term, we will be reading War Horse by Michael Morpurgo so encourage your child to read lots of books about World Wars! In writing, we will start with a non-fiction report of the uses of horses, followed by an argument about whether they should have been used then we will write our own battle scenes. Please regularly practise the spelling bee words!

Maths: We will focus on securing our understanding of calculations, alongside learning about shape and angles. The children will also be honing their ability to answer a range of arithmetic questions to a given time limit. Please also ensure your child has rapid recall of all times tables.

Science/DT: Our area for study this term is Electricity and the different types of circuits that can be created. The children will be electricians exploring circuits that are not working correctly, changing the brightness of bulbs, and investigating the types of circuits that can be created. They will use their knowledge to create their own working light just in time for Christmas!

PSHE: The children will be participating in lessons about 'Getting On and Falling Out', thinking of ways to solve typical friendship difficulties. We will also be thinking about the strategies we can use to help us to become more independent in our learning.

Topic: The children's skills in history, geography and art will be developed in our study of World War I as we find out about the life in the trenches. Please take time to find out about the contribution of relatives in the war so children can share family stories in class.

R.E: We will learn about Christianity and beliefs about death. Please come and see me if this might be a particularly sensitive issue for your child.

P.E: In PE this term, the children will be developing control and core stamina in Wednesday Gymnastic lessons. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is always in school and they have the appropriate kit for both indoor and outdoor PE. As the weather will be unpredictable as we move into the winter, it would be beneficial for children to have a tracksuit alongside their shorts and T-shirt.

Homework: We will continue to give out homework every Wednesday, and unless otherwise requested, would expect it to be completed and returned by Monday. We expect each child to take responsibility for doing their own homework and encourage all parents to help your child to become independent. Please choose at least 6 activities and at least one from every subject.

Diary Dates: