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Year 6 Newsletter

Term 1

CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Cavey and Miss Wall are really looking forward to the year ahead and cannot wait to get started. We have lots of learning to complete, working towards making sure that pupils in year six are ready for secondary education. We have planned in lots of exciting activities along the way and we are looking forward to watching the children grow; through being excellent role-models to the rest of the school and being ready, respectful and safe - The HTSJ Way! In term one we shall be embarking on the start of their final journey at HTSJ and we would love for you to join us as much as possible in celebrating the children's learning and their successes.



REMINDERS

- Year 6 have their PE lessons on a **Thursday in term 1** and come in to school wearing their kit.
- Please try to hear your child read at least 4 times a week and sign their book.
- Quizzing on Accelerated Reader helps us to track your child's progress and they can earn rewards.
- Times Table Rockstars for a minimum of 10 minutes per day is recommended as these will be the pinnacle of all maths learning.
- Homework will be set on Wednesday and must be in by the following Monday. All the homework will be additional practice of the year six core curriculum.



CALENDAR EVENTS



1 st September	Whole School	Inset Day School closed to all pupils
2 nd September	Whole School	Term One Starts All children return to school at 8.40am.
10 th September	Year Six	Meet the Teacher 2.30pm.
11 th September	Year Six	Kent Test
18 th September	Year Six	Secondary School Parents Meeting with Mrs. Douglas Hall 2.30pm – 4.00pm
26 th September	Whole School	Individual Photos
6 th October	Year Six	Look & Learn 2.30pm 3.15pm.
7 th October	KS2	Harvest Festival 10.30am – 11.30am.
9 th October	Year Six	PGL 2025 Parent Meeting with Mrs. Douglas. 3.20pm – 4.00pm.
10 th October	Whole School	Wear Yellow Day for Young Minds.
14 th October	Whole School	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm.
16 th October	Whole School	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm.
17 th October	Whole School	End of Term One School finishes at normal time.

OUR VALUE OF THE TERM: **Community**

We have three new values for this academic year, Community, Compassion and Courage. This term we will be focussing on Community. We will be thinking about how our school is its own community and also how we are part of the community in Margate and the Thanet area. Our year six pupils will be encouraged to build a sense of community with their peers and others in and around school and reflect on how they form part of the wider community.



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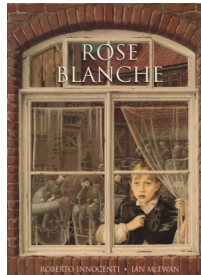
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We are learning about...

ENGLISH

We will be reading and studying 'Rose Blanche' throughout term one in English. This text coincides with our project of World War 2.

'A small girl named Rose observes all the changes going on around her which others choose to ignore. She watches as the streets of her small German town fill with soldiers. One day she sees a little boy escaping from the back of a truck, only to be captured by the mayor and shoved back into it. Rose follows the truck to a desolate place out of town, where she discovers many other children, staring hungrily from behind an electric barbed wire fence. What happens next really plays with any readers' emotions...'



MATHS

At the start of every new academic year, our main focus in maths is to revisit and expand our knowledge of place value and the four operations. The children will continue to secure their understanding in these areas through specific tasks whilst exploring numbers over a million.

Many practical and problem solving tasks will be taught to challenge and consolidate learning. The maths lessons will focus on fluency (arithmetic), reasoning (understanding and explaining) and problem solving (contextual real-life scenarios).



PROJECT

During term one we will be learning about World War Two, starting with where and when this happened within our timeline of history. We will be exploring life as an evacuee and how children were sent away from their home to live with people whom they had never met, the emotional impact and what different experiences evacuees had. Anderson shelters were an important part of the 'Blitz' and we will be looking at how effective these were and how families were instructed to build them in their gardens. We are hoping to have a go at making some small replica ones ourselves and basing some writing around this. Propaganda posters were a great influence during war time and encouraged everyone to help out and be vigilant. We will be creating some of our own and analysing the impact they had.

In art we will be looking at the work of David Hockney, Richard Brackenbury, Paula Rego and John Singer-Sargent, recreating master pieces and understanding their choice of media and style.

RE will link with scientific theory of creation versus the 'big bang' and children will explore both concepts whilst understanding the creation story in depth. Science is all about our circulation and health, linking to the health and fitness of the soldiers during WWII and the rationing that took place within the home.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME:

- Reading is the key to everything! Encourage your child to read and quiz on books that they enjoy. Don't forget to sign their reading record to gain some valuable House Points. **Points Mean Prizes!!!**
- Times tables will give your child confidence when approaching maths tasks. **TTRS is fab!**
- Ensure your child comes to school everyday (missed learning is difficult to catch-up on in the final year), wearing the correct uniform everyday and being ready to learn are key to a successful year.
- We encourage for support to be given for all homework tasks and where understanding is uncertain, children are able to come and check with the year six team prior to the submission date.