Year 6 Learning Letter

Monksdown Primary School
Where Children Come First

Hello Year Six and welcome back!
We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable half term holiday. We are looking forward to our new areas of learning and for all the fantastic work Year 6 will be doing over the next half term!
Mrs Fawcett, Mr Corrigan and Mr Heeley

Enrichment we're excited about this term:

This term, Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in walking club and performing arts club. Some children will also be involved in after school booster sessions. We also have a visitor from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission coming to talk to us, as part of our history topic on WWII.

Important information for you

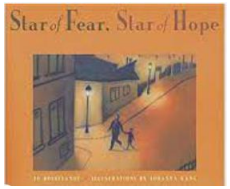
- SATs Parents meeting on Monday the 9th November at 3.15pm
- Christmas performance on the 7th December at 9.15 am
- PE days as follows:

6.1	6.2	6.3
Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday

- Please ensure that children come into school wearing the correct PE kit.
- Please read the homework grid on the other side for Year 6 homework.

English:

- This half term our unit of work will include exploring 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' by Jo Hoestlandt - a book set during World War II.
- We will be writing narratives which will include flashbacks and will be creating our own information texts.
- There will be a focus on revising expanded noun phrases and using dialogue within narratives. We will also introduce the passive voice and develop cohesion.



Maths:

This half term we will be focusing on:

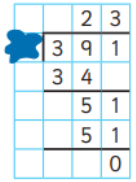
Fractions

The children will be learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions as well as comparing and ordering fractions. They will be looking at factors and simplifying fractions as well as calculating fractions of amounts.

Division.

The children will be learning how to use efficient methods for both short and long division.





It is very important that children know and can recall quickly their multiplication facts up to the 12X tables and can work out equivalent division facts.

Wider Curriculum in Year 6

History – We will be learning about WWII, focusing on how the war started, what happened to evacuees and the battle of Dunkirk.
RE – We will be focusing on Judaism and learning about places of worship and the Jewish holy book – the Torah.
Science – We will be learning about evolution and inheritance, focusing on changes over time and how plants and animals are adapted to their environments.

Computing– Using spreadsheets – we will be creating and formatting spreadsheets while learning to use formulae and insert charts.

DT – Children will focus on using electrical circuits and mechanisms to design and make a moving diorama based on a simple fairground ride.

Home Learning Challenges

This is work that should be done each week

Essential work
Read for 20 minutes at home each day. This can be your books from school or home.

We are learning about things we can inherit from family members. Look at family members and photos – who have you inherited your eye colour from, type of hair, height etc? Create an 'All about Me' poster.



Create a cartoon strip telling the Christmas Story. Where was Jesus born? Who came to visit?



Essential work
Practise your times tables on TTRockstars and arithmetic on arithmagicians.

As we are studying Judaism, research a synagogue in Liverpool. Create a fact file.



Create a 3D model of an air raid shelter.



Essential work
Spelling are given out on Mondays and tested on Fridays.
Practise on Spelling Shed

Last half term we were looking at endangered animals. Research an animal that is endangered – what are the problems it is facing and explain how we can help.



Can you create your own classification key? Will you classify dolly mixtures, liquorice allsorts or something completely different? Remember to use yes or no questions.



STAR CHALLENGES

Can you write diary entries for an evacuee?
Use expanded noun phrases, the passive voice and cohesive devices.

We have been practising the 4 operations
Can you create a maths board game – to move around the board, players must solve +, -, x or ÷ questions.

Plan and budget for meals for a family of four.
Think about healthy meals and shop around for the best prices online. Can you stick to a budget of £50?