



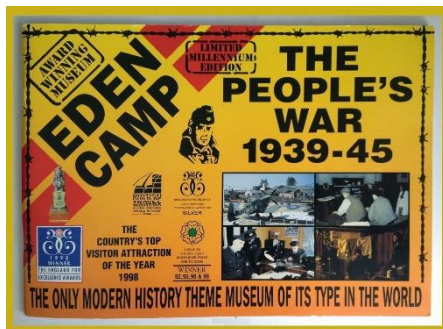
## Year 6 Newsletter- September 2022

### Welcome back!

It is great to be back! Everyone seems happy and have quickly settled back into the routines of the school day. We are surprised and delighted by how enthusiastic the children have been. Year 6 is a very important year, for a number of reasons, from preparing your child to move on to secondary education as well as supporting them in preparation for SAT's. To help with this, attendance and punctuality is a very high priority and we would again ask for your support in ensuring that your child is in school on time every day. We will be holding a New Year 6 Parents Meetings on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the large hall. It would be lovely to see you there, it is your opportunity to find out about the year we have planned for the children, learn more about SATs and ask any questions you may have. More information will follow.



### World War Two



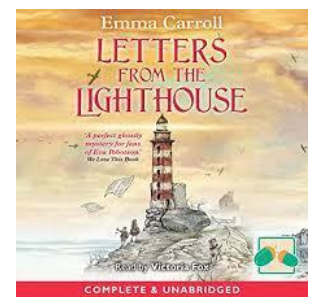
We've got some great lessons lined up for the autumn term and we are already engaging in our World War Two topic. We will be learning all about this period through History, Art, Music and English lessons. In music, we will be working to understand the lyrics of popular songs that were sung at the time. In art, children will focus on Picasso's works that were based on war. We are very excited about our visit to Eden Camp this half term. A follow-up letter will confirm the date and further details of this trip. Light and Shadows, in science sessions, will be linked to work on the black-out curtains and in ICT, children will develop coding skills while also learning about Alan Turing and the

important role code breakers played. We look forward to welcoming you all back in to school for the year 6 parent assembly on WW2.

### Reading

This term we are diving into a range of extracts from books set in WW2 such as: Goodnight Mr Tom, The Lion and the Unicorn, Carrie's war, Letters from a Lighthouse and some books by Michael Morpurgo.

It is important that your child brings their reading book into school daily to encourage regular reading both in school and at home.



### Writing

Our writing genres will take us across all the curriculum this term. From a recount based on Letters from a Lighthouse, diary extracts based on the journey of an evacuee, a leaflet based on their day out at Eden Camp, to writing a biography on the code breaker Alan Turing. The children will be presenting their writing in a varied format with a focus on appropriate use of year 6 paragraphing, sentence structure and punctuation.

### Maths

We are starting the term recapping and extending our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Developing a range of mental and written methods is essential when finding answers quickly and accurately.

Basics for home—having a strong base is always the best way to build. Fast mental recall of timetables and number facts are key to progressing to more complex maths work. Please continue to encourage the use of Times Table Rock Stars and BBC Bitesize at home to develop your child's confidence in maths learning.



## **PE**

P.E will be on a Thursday afternoon. Through this half term the focus in PE is rugby and football. These will be outdoor sessions. Children bring a plain white or pale blue t-shirt, black or blue shorts and trainers. They should bring a tracksuit or round-neck top on colder days.

The autumn term is a very busy one. As well as their academic learning in school, children will be developing the skills of grit, self-belief, leadership and teamwork. These are essential qualities to possess to ensure a confident transition to secondary school. As ever Shaw Wood has an open-door policy and communication is important. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **Lastly...family homework!**

We would like the children to create a 3D model of anything that symbolises World War 2, there are some examples below. Please hand this into your class teacher no later than Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.



**We are looking forward to a very busy and fun packed term!**

**Year 6 Teaching Team**

