



Year 6 Newsletter- Autumn 2

We hope you all had a lovely half term and had chance to enjoy Halloween and Bonfire night. It has been a very busy start to the new term and the children are working extremely hard. We are continuing with our World War 2 topic, which they all seem to be really enjoying.

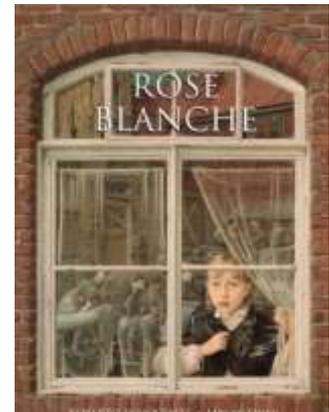


We had a fantastic (if not a bit wet) day at Eden camp. All pupils were very well behaved and a credit to our school. They were able to expand on their WW2 knowledge, experiencing what it was like during the Blitz, inside a German U boat, a music hall, and a prisoner of war camp.



Last week, the children enjoyed learning about rationing and had the chance to make and taste a rationed corn beef stew- some loved it and had 2 servings, but we also had some children who refused to eat it! This week the children are learning about the tragedies of WW2, which will include the Holocaust. They will be reading the emotional and thought-provoking picture book, *Rose Blanche*, by Roberto Innocenti. It tells the story of Rose, who is a child in a German town during WW2. She stumbles upon a concentration camp and tries to help the children imprisoned there.

The children have enjoyed learning some WW2 songs with Mr O'Hare and are looking forward to performing them for you at our Remembrance assembly in the **afternoon of 30th November**. We look forward to seeing you there 😊.



Writing

The children have written some fantastic stories based on the characters from the book, *Letters from a Lighthouse*. They are currently writing a biography on Alan Turing's interesting but tragic life. We are really pleased with the effort the children are putting into their writing. We will continue to focus on using a range of sentences, which include subordinate and relative clauses. In addition, they will be taught how to correctly use a range of punctuation including parenthesis, colons, semi colons, dashes and commas. The children have all been set up with a spelling shed account, it would be very beneficial for them to access this at home- they all have a password and user name.

Maths

In Mrs Taylor's and Mr Woodstones' maths group, the children have worked very hard on consolidating their knowledge of the 4 calculations (subtraction, addition, multiplication and division). All the children are now able to apply their knowledge to a range of reasoning and problem-solving questions. In Mr McMahon's maths group, the children have been focusing on written methods for multiplication and division. We have just finished our unit and children can now divide a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number.

This term both classes will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages. Many children find this maths topic very challenging. It is very important that the children know their times tables by heart, to ensure that they can confidently solve fractions questions. They can access Times Table Rockstars (<https://trockstars.com/>) at home, which is a great way to speed up their rapid recall. Class teachers have the logins if your child has forgotten theirs.

Interventions

This term's reading and maths intervention groups will continue until the end of term. We will review the impact and organise new groups for January. Thanks for your continued support with your child's learning at home!

PE

PE is on a Wednesday. Weather permitting, the children will still be going outside to learn the skills for Tag Rugby. Please ensure they have a change of trainers, plain black/blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a plain white or pale blue t-shirt and a navy/black tracksuit top or fleece without a hood.

Uniform

Please ensure the children wear full school uniform. A list can be found on the website. Leggings are not permitted unless a school skirt is worn over them. We have seen an increase in children wearing earrings in school, for health and safety reasons, we have a no earring policy.

Important-School residential reminder

A quick reminder about our school residential to Caythorne Court in Lincolnshire. This is fantastic opportunity for your child to take part in some exciting activities, such as abseiling, climbing, rafting and team building games. Contact the school office for more information. The deadline for the initial £40 deposit is the **12th November**. If we do not have enough children going, unfortunately we will have to cancel the trip.



We look forward to speaking to you at parents evening this week, thank you for your continued support.

The Year 6 Team 😊