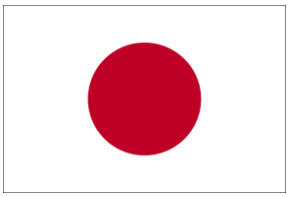
Autumn 2019 Class Newsletter



Japan

Class Teacher: Mr Rogers

Welcome back!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new term. Here is a brief outline of the topics we will be covering and some helpful points to note.

Theme for the term – London Calling
We will be learning all about World War 2!

Literacy – Here are the main themes we will follow during the term:

Week beginning	**Theme**
02.09.19	Getting to know you activities **Private Peaceful**
09.09.19 to 23.09.19	Letter from the Trenches - Free Writing WW1
30.09.19	Instructions linked to DT project
07.10.19 - 25.10.19	War Story **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**
28.10.19	**Half term**
15.11.19 - 09.12.19	War Story
16.12.19	Christmas based activities

Maths – Work will always be differentiated to suit the needs of the child.

Week beginning	**Theme**
02.09.19	Getting to know you activities
09.09.19	Pre assessments Number and place value
16.09.19	Number and Place Value
23.09.19 – 30.09.19	Addition and Subtraction
11.10.19	Multiplication and Division
18.10.19	Multiplication and Division
25.10.19	Fractions
28.10.19	**Half term**
05.11.19	Arithmetic
11.11.19 to 25.11.19	Fractions
09.12.19	Assessments, mixed calculations
16.12.19	Geometry – Position and Direction; Christmas activities

Science – We will study two main themes this term: Electricity and Light.

Week beginning	Theme/Objectives covered
02.09.19	Getting to know you activities
09.09.19	ELECTRICITY: Symbols
16.09.19	Brightness of bulb; loudness of buzzer
23.09.19	Investigating switches
01.10.19	Anderson shelters and air raid sirens
08.10.18 and 15.10.18	Investigation
25.10.18	LIGHT: Straight Lines
28.10.19	**Half term**
05.11.19	Mirrors
11.11.19	Periscopes
18.11.19 and 25.11.19	Investigation – changing the size of a shadow
02.12.19	Shadow Puppet theatre
09.12.19	Shadow Puppet theatre performances.

Computing – We will be revising eSafety through the following units:

- Talking safely online
- Privacy Rules
- What's Cyberbullying?

History/Computing – Children will create a movie trailer based in a historical setting of World War 2. This will tie into our literacy unit and will look at historical differences of World War 1 and World War 2.

R.E. – The children will learn about Christianity through three units:

- What does it mean if God is holy and loving?
- Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?
- Was Jesus the Messiah?

These lessons will be shared with the other Y6 class.

PSCHE – We will cover two SEAL units which are 'New Beginnings' and 'Relationships'. We will begin Sex Education just before half term and more information will follow on this in due course.

Art – The children will learn about pencil sketching and link their art work to WW1 and 2.

Music – The children will continue to learn the ukulele with Mr Rogers. They will learn songs from WW2. They may have the opportunity to go to the Weald for music enrichment either this term or Spring term.

D&T – The children will be design and make an Anderson Shelter.

P.E. – The children will need their P.E. kits on Wednesday and Thursday each week. Please ensure the kit is named. One session will be based outdoors (weather permitting) and one session indoors (Wednesday - gymnastics). Outdoor sessions will cover football and netball. Children will need P.E. shirts and shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors. They will need swimming kit on Monday for the first part of the term.

Important dates:

- Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 25th September 6.00pm
- **Japan Class Assembly – Friday 27th September 9.00am**
- Year 6 Sex and Relationships Education meeting for parents 3.30pm 03.10.19
- Half term: Week beginning 28th October.
- Non-uniform day for Harvest Fayre: 13.09.19
- End of term: 20.12.19

Homework:

- **Reading logs** – please ensure your child reads to you or independently weekly and this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading and dialogue between home and school. My expectation is three entries per week. They will be collected in on a **Monday** and marked each week and should please be in school every day. A special reading reward will be in place for children who regularly complete entries, with prizes given.
- **Weekly spellings** – these will be sent home on a **Tuesday** and tested the following **Tuesday**.
- **Homework** – Homework will be set on a grid format enabling children to work to specific interests just like in Year 5. I would like this handed in on a **Monday**.

Fund raising for the Big Top

As you are aware the Year 6/KS2 summer production usually takes place within a Big Top tent. This requires a large amount of fundraising throughout the year to enable this (and the summer ball) to take place. It would be fantastic if you could start thinking about something you and your child could do to contribute. In previous years children have organised: sponsored events; cake sales; race nights; bag packing at Tesco. However, any ideas you have will also be greatly received. Last year not enough was raised to cover the hire costs. If the monies cannot be covered by **March 2019** the production will go ahead as planned but sadly the BIG TOP *will have to be cancelled.*

Sundries

We take anti-bullying and child protection very seriously at St Mary's. In the first week of term we have discussed how adults at school keep children safe and as part of our child protection policy we have given each child a pamphlet for them to keep at school in their trays. A copy of this will be sent out to you all.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that we are **a nut-free school** as we have a child with a severe nut allergy.

I hope this has been helpful. If you have any concerns, please feel free to pop in and speak to me after school. Alternatively, ring the school on 01798 872007 or arrange an appointment at the school office.

Kind regards,

Mr Rogers

As part of our topic we sometimes show clips and films that are 12A certified.
Please return the slip to your class teacher if you **DO NOT** consent to your child watching such clips.
Many thanks, Year Six Team

Name ---------- signed ----------