

Year 6 Newsletter : Autumn 1 2018

Autumn 1 2018 in Year 6

Welcome to the new school year and we are sure this Year 6 is going to be the best ever.

Although this year is going to be very important for the pupils, it will also be fun-filled, making memories along the way! We have got a fabulous team of adults working in Year 6 this year to help and support all pupils in their final school year at County Bridge. During this half term Year 6 will be developing their artist flair in the topic 'Gallery Rebels' and visiting Birmingham Art Gallery to gather inspiration and study art work up close. Also in Autumn 1 there is our fabulous annual visit to Llandudno. Here the pupils will have the opportunity to explore the Mostyn Art Gallery along with other activities. This experience will help support their learning back in class. If you have any questions or queries about your child through out this year then we are more than happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support Mrs Blower, Mrs Shelton and Mrs Critch.

GALLERY REBELS

For Autumn 1 the topic 'Gallery Rebels' will allow children to take part in a range of foundation from the National Curriculum. This topic does lend itself to focus mainly on Art and Design.

ART & DESIGN - exploring a range of different art genres and themes, such as expressionism, surrealism and abstract artwork. Using a range of different media to create atmosphere and mood. Look at different artwork from artist such as Hurst, Dali, Picasso, Monet, Mori and Munch.

GEOGRAPHY - Exploring art galleries and around the world, looking at the importance of their locations. Using satellite images and maps to plan day trips and plot journeys and routes.

DT - Creating 3d sculptures using different joining techniques. Completing short circuits using simple motors. Designing and making own sketchbooks.

COMPUTING - Searching the Internet for research purposes. Understand and discuss the reliability of certain sources online. Saving and editing images to complete a portfolio and print.

PE

ALL children will require a full PE Kit in YEAR 6. It is advised they leave it in school on a Monday and return it home for washing on a Friday. Earrings must be removed for each session and plasters must not be used to cover earrings. Long hair should also be tied back. PE will be on Friday afternoons.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14th September - Roald Dahl Day

Friday 21st September - Llandudno Visit

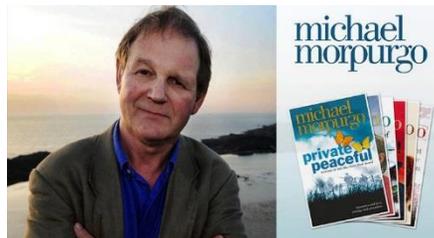
Thursday 11th October - Parents' Evening

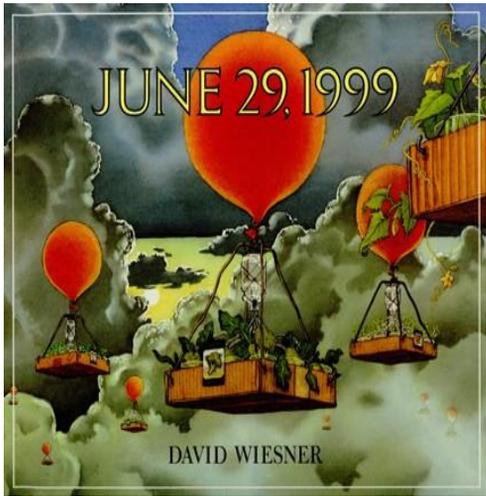
Thursday 18th October - Harvest Festival



Year 6 Class Author - Michael Morpurgo

All Year 6 pupils will be looking at texts by the author Michael Morpurgo. Pupils should be encouraged to explore text by our class author at home. How many of his books can they read throughout the school year?





Literacy

In Literacy this half term we will be consolidating SPAG skills using the text June 29, 1999 as a focus.

From this we will be analysing characters and settings and developing our vocabulary further to help us write a continuation of the story. For the remaining part of the half term, we will use other significant texts to focus on non-fiction writing.

The writing forms for this will be leaflets and instructions. Reading skills for Year 6 during this half term will focus around the Content Domain, using a range of texts and a focus.

Numeracy

In Maths this term, we will be revising and extending our understanding of place value before ensuring that we can all add, subtract, multiply and divide using written methods. Once our written methods are secure, we will move onto using them when learning about fractions, area and perimeter, shape, coordinates and converting units. Alongside our daily Maths and Big Maths lessons, we will have a strong focus on times tables, as these will help in ALL maths work. It is therefore very important that children practise their times tables at home on a daily basis; you'll be surprised at how much easier it'll make every single maths lesson!

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality is extremely important in Year 6. The government has set the guideline for pupil attendance to be 96.2% as the National Standard. It is very important that children are present in school each day to ensure good progress in learning - Every day counts! Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by **8.50am**.

Children in Year 6 start each day with **Morning Starters** so it is very important they start school on time.

READING BOOKS AND HOMEWORK IN YEAR 6

In Year 6, children are responsible for their own independent work. They are expected to complete 3 pieces of homework per week. This will consist of 1 piece from the topic homework challenges, Maths homework (application of skills taught from that week) and spellings. Homework **MUST** be completed and returned on time every Wednesday and a record will be kept monitoring the amount of homework received per child.

Reading at home is also extremely important. Children are encouraged to read at home each night for 20-30 minutes. This can be **ANY** form of text including home reading books, library books, comics, newspapers, magazines, online books, E-readers and tablets. Anything that is age and ability appropriate for your child should count and should be recorded in the reading journal.

All children must ensure they bring their reading books in **EVERY DAY** and make sure they have their reading journals at all times. Children in Year 6 will be heard reading at least once a week and will require their reading books for this. The Year 6 staff team will monitor reading journals and pupils will change reading books each week. If you require more information or have any issues then please speak to a member of Year 6 staff.