

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you had an enjoyable Easter holiday and are well rested. Looking ahead to the next half term, we have lots of exciting learning planned. We will be structuring our work around our class book 'The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas' and will be covering themes of global conflict and resolution, religion and difference. For their weekly homework, Year 6 will be sent home with Maths and SPaG revision. We encourage children to read regularly at home to continue to develop their love of reading and record any progress on Boom Reader.

Maths

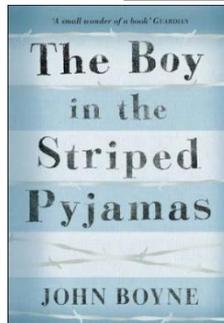
As part of our **revision towards SATs**, we will be revisiting key topics including Fractions, Decimals and Percentages during our morning and afternoon Maths sessions. As well as developing their arithmetic fluency skills, the children will have opportunities to apply their mathematical understanding to problem solving and reasoning questions, justifying and explaining their thinking to prepare them for SATs week. Children should regularly practise their times tables on Times Table Rockstars.

English

This half-term, we will be continuing to base our writing around John Boyne's book 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. The children will have the opportunity to focus on non-fiction writing, creating an instruction text around what to do during a WW2 air raid and creating a biography on key characters from WW2. Our **SATs revision** during the afternoon will focus on spelling and grammar. We will be revisiting key topics such as word classes, the active and passive voice and the subjunctive mood. Weekly spellings assignments will be set on Spelling Shed too.

Science – Living Things and Their Habitats

Our focus in Science will continue to be Living Things and Their Habitats. We will learn about the features of different species and how different animals have changed through Evolution, using evidence of fossils to support our research. Children will look at how animals are specifically adapted to their habitats and explore how the challenges of the modern world are impacting on their numbers in the wild.



Computing

This term, we will be looking at 3D modelling, using computers. Children will recognise that you can work in three dimensions and make appropriate modifications to suit a particular purpose or design specification. By the end of the term, children will be able to confidently plan, design and modify their own 3D model.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will learn about different risks and how to manage them safely. We will be looking at online safety, discussing different ways to stay safe and how to recognise something that may be untrustworthy or dangerous. We will also be discussing features of healthy relationships and what children can do if they feel that they need advice or support. As part of our British Values work, Year 6 will be looking at Individual liberty and what that means for them and wider society.

History

In History, we will be focusing on life during World War II. We will find out about life for those who fought for our country on the front line, as well as those who stayed at home and contributed in different ways to the war effort. Children will have the chance to conduct their own independent research and will use primary and secondary sources to draw conclusions about the past. Our work will focus on the impact that war had on children in the UK and how it affected Leeds and the local community in Beeston.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Our class book, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', will explore themes of conflict, friendship and religion. The children will consider the ethnic make-up of Beeston's population and the importance of mutual respect and tolerance.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Our work in history will look at individuals whose work played a positive role during WW2. We will focus on inventions and developments which took place and the impact these had between 1939-1945, and continue to have in the present day.

Healthy and Happy Living

We will be learning about ways to look after our mental and physical health and wellbeing in PE and PSHE. The children will also think of ways we can support others to do the same.

Inquisitive Investigators

Our work in science will involve investigating microorganisms and the impact these have on our scientific world. They will observe, note changes and draw conclusions from their work in class.

Important information & Dates to remember:

- SATs Week w/c Monday 12th May- Thursday 16th May
- Outdoor PE – Monday (6ZP) and Tuesday (6LC & 6JO)
- Year 6 library slots are on a Thursday afternoon, if they wish to borrow or return a library book
- Spellings and homework are sent home every Friday.
- Herd Farm residential: Friday 20th- Sunday 22nd June
- Flamingo Land Trip: Tuesday 1st July