# Year 6 Newsletter – Term 1



**Cypress:** Mrs Bennett
(Mrs Olley- Wed)
Mrs Osmundsen
**PE:** Monday and Tuesday
**Forest School:** NOT THIS TERM



**Juniper:** Mr Latter
(Mrs Nash- Wed)
Mrs Bennett
**PE:** Monday
**Forest School:** Tuesday

## Conflict and resolution: Is it ever right to fight?

**English**

In English, we will be studying the book 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' by Jo Hoestlandt. This text focuses on the perspective of a child with a Jewish friend during WW2, and the Holocaust. During the unit the children will focus on use of descriptive language through use of expanded noun phrases and figurative language. Using paragraphs and manipulating sentence length. The children will write a narrative with flashbacks.




**Maths**

In Maths, this term, we will be looking mainly at number and place value. Focusing on the value of each part of the number to partitioning, ordering, rounding, more or less with numbers up to ten million. We will then look at negative numbers and understanding this in context such as with temperatures.



**History**

Linked to the story in English, we will be looking at WW2, it will start to look at the events that led up to the war, the Battle of Britain and D-Day landings. The focus is then the effect of war in Britain such as rations, evacuees and the Blitz. Children will also be looking at music from the time period.

**Art**

Children will be looking at the Art work of LS Lowery to explore light and shade in paintings. Children will practice colour mixing to create values and tones and work on drawing different vanishing points for perspective.

**French**

The unit the children will be studying is La Seconde Guerre Mondiale (WW2). This will work on listening and reading skills to decode texts. It will look at countries and languages involved in WW2.

**RE**

The big question is 'Creation and Science: Conflicting or complementary?' We will be looking at what the Bible says about creation and different ways Genesis 1 can be interpreted. It will also look at the science ideas of cosmology and evolution.



**Computing**

Children will be learning about the importance of online safety and how to report concerns. They will also share positive and negative sides of working collaboratively through networks.

**Science**

In Science, the topic of study is light. The children will be exploring how light travels, reflection and refraction, including creating periscopes, how shadows change and light phenomena such as a rainbow.



**PE**

This term, the children will be practicing their team skills and strategies. Throwing and catching skills with ball games such as dodgeball, bench ball and handball.

**PSHE**

This term, we will be looking at relationships with a focus on respecting ourselves and others and recognising and managing safe relationships through friendships and consent.

**Home Learning**

There will be times table practice set on Times Tables Rock Stars as well as some Maths practise which will be a revision of what we have covered in class. See the separate sheet for project homework that could be completed. Please help and encourage your child to complete this – it will start a good habit for secondary school and complements your child's understanding of our learning.

**Term 1 Christian Value**

**Koinonia**

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all'

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

Please make sure your child brings in their reading record and reading book **EVERYDAY**

Remember the weather will be getting colder as the weeks go on. Don't forget to bring suitable clothes **everyday** for the OPAL play which will be outside in all weathers so **coats,** wellies and waterproofs are needed. Please make sure ***all*** items of clothing are labelled.