



# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to a brand new school year – the last at Bushfield! We have already started to get to know your children in our new classes and they are settling into life in Year 6 well. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher in October's parent consultation meetings, but if any issues arise in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact school and arrange an appointment. We have an exciting Autumn Term planned for Year 6, during which our topic will be 'WW2'.

## Meet the Team



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## Subject overviews

### English

The first part of the half term will see children use their new learning on WW2 as a stimulus to write, especially focusing on life for evacuees and what it would have been like to experience the Blitz during the Battle of Britain. We will also continue the theme of 'War' when we study poetry as we approach Remembrance. Later in the term, we use our study of 'Wolves' to inspire some gripping and hair-raising pieces of writing as well as some non-fiction texts too.

### Maths

Initially, we will concentrate on the concepts of number, place value and calculation before we begin to introduce some Year 6 specific learning. We will introduce long division, complete extensive work on fractions, decimals and percentages as well as geometry and measurement too. After half term, we continue to practise calculation alongside learning in algebra, ratio and proportion, and statistics.

### Science

The first part of the Autumn term will see us focus on the topics of 'Light' and 'Forces', which will be linked to our WW2 theme. After half term, the learning will centre around 'Animals and Humans', where we will learn about a range of biological concepts such as digestion, the circulation system and the impact of lifestyle choices on health. As the term continues, we further our learning by looking at 'Living Things', their features and classifications.

### History

The topic for the autumn is the 'WW2'. During this topic, the children will learn about life on the home-front, especially for evacuees and the experience of the Blitz during the Battle of Britain. We will learn about the role of our local area in the war through finding out about Bletchley park. We also look forward to a trip to the RAF Museum at the end of half term where the children will have an opportunity to see some of the planes from the era, as well as dress up in original RAF uniforms and take part in a workshops to enrich learning about the era.

### Computing

We will explore how spreadsheets are used, why they are useful and how to use them effectively. After half term, we will build upon previous knowledge on Scratch by looking at how to sequence events and create interactive algorithms.

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## Homework

### Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings on a Monday which will be stuck in their log books. They will be tested the following Monday.

### Reading

We ask that children are listened to while they read for about 10 minutes a day. They have an appropriate reading book given to them by the school but they could also choose to read a book from home or the library. Please support them by recording their reading in their organisers.

Children who read at least 5 times per week are awarded merits.

### Maths

The children will be set maths homework at least once a fortnight depending which group they are in. This will usually be on MyMaths. If the children need additional support or access to a computer to complete it they can attend homework club.

### Homework Project

This term your child will be set a homework linked to our learning across the curriculum.

Thank you for your support with this. Further details will follow.

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### DT

Our focus of DT this half term will be sewing. Based on the WW2 approach of 'Make do and mend', the children will be designing and making their own 1940s style teddy bear for an evacuee child.

### Art

In the second half term, we will be linking our Art to our topic of Wolves. We will be progressing sketching techniques such as shading to create a variety of tones and texture, as well as developing proportion. Children will produce a sketch of a wolf and get the opportunity to see how their abilities have increased.

### PSHE

To begin the year, and as we begin another important new start, we will be looking at setting goals for the year and making a detailed plan of how best to achieve them.

### RE

Towards the end of the term, we will be looking at the beliefs of different religions around the world, namely Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

### French

The first half term will focus on learning vocabulary to describe the weather on a particular day and making a simple weather forecast. The second half term will link to the topic of 'Wolves' by understanding information texts about wolves: physical descriptions, habitat, food etc. We will also retell the traditional tale of 'Little Red Riding Hood' in French.

### Music

Linking to WW2, we will look at the role of music, for example, Glenn Miller. We will learn specific musical vocabulary to be able to describe music and instruments. After half term, we will look at music as a characterisation tool by linking our work to a traditional tale structure—Peter and the Wolf. We will look at composition and how an orchestra can be used to build certain feelings and effects.

### Games / P.E

Children will have the opportunity to develop co-ordination abilities and skills in a range of competitive and racquet sports this half term including badminton, basketball and handball. The second half term will see children further develop skills in dance. Over the term, Games lessons will focus on striking and fielding games, in particular hockey and football.

## Diary Dates

**Bournemouth Information Evening—Wednesday 12th September**  
**Parents Evening—Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd October**  
**RAF Museum Trip—Thursday 18th October**  
**Halloween Disco—Wednesday 24th October**