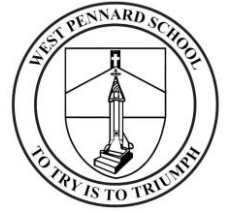


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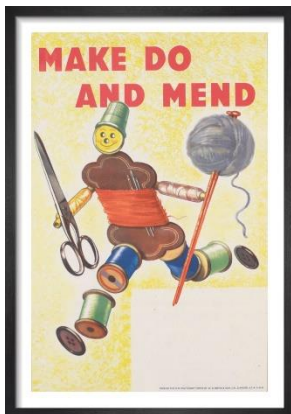
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope, despite the challenges, you have all had an enjoyable summer holidays. I am really excited to be teaching in Year 6 this year, and to have the opportunity to continue working with such a wonderful group of children.

This letter will outline what we aim to cover in the autumn term in Hedgehog class and some expectations for Year 6, but always keeping in mind that 'back to school' will be different this year and opportunities to readjust to school life will be needed.

History and Geography



Our main topic for the autumn term is 'Make do and Mend'. This overarching theme will cover our English, History, Geography and Art lessons this term. Throughout this topic, we shall explore both World War One and World War Two, looking at the causes of the war as well as key events and what wartime would have looked like in Somerset.

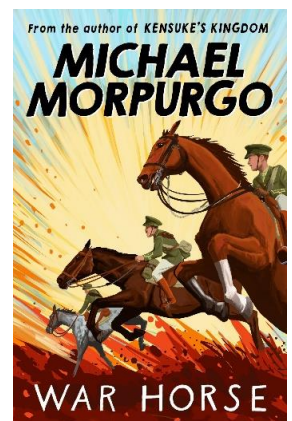
We also hope to have visitors into school to help bring the topic to life and give the children an even greater understanding of the impact of both world wars on a local, national and international scale.

English

We shall start this term creating non-chronological reports on Hedgehogs (our new class animal). We will then complete letter writing, persuasive writing, narrative writing and explore poetry; all linked to our 'Make do and Mend' topic.

As a class we will continue with whole class Guided Reading as in Year 5, our class text to begin with is War Horse by Michael Morpurgo.

There will also be a greater focus on SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) this year, which will be incorporated into English and Guided Reading sessions.



Maths

This term we will cover the topics: place value, four functions, fractions, decimals and percentages and position and direction. Any aspects of these topics which weren't covered in Year 5 will also be



incorporated, so no learning will be 'missed out'. This year, children will also have more regular arithmetic and times table tests.

Science

This term in Science we shall cover two topics, Light and Electricity. These topics will be taught through as much practical activity and experimentation as possible, with children continuing to plan and design their own investigations.

P.E.

Year 6 will have P.E. on Thursdays for the first half term and Fridays all term; both sessions with Mr Cave our sports coach. Can children please have full P.E. kits in school on these days.

R.E.

This term we will study Hinduism, and explore the question 'What do Hindu people believe about Dharma, Deity and Atman?'

Homework

Homework will be set weekly and children should spend short periods throughout the week on it.

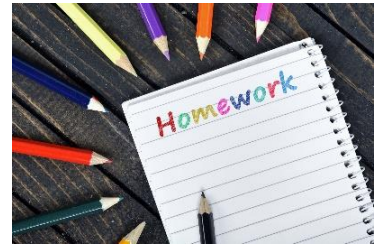
1 x Spelling and Grammar Homework (intervals throughout the week)

1 x Maths Homework (30 minute activity)

1 x English Homework (30 minute activity)

The work will generally be set on a Friday (commencing on the 11th September) and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Homework will also be available on Google Classroom in a similar way to how Home Learning was accessed.

Like last year the children will have a planner which they will need in school every day. The children will fill in any homework or reminders that they have in here. They will then take this home to share with parents.



We ask that as parents you sign the planner at the end of each week and write any relevant comments in the box. We will sign it on Monday. Children should be reading at least 4 x per week for a sustained period of about 25 minutes each time. They should mark the days that they read at home in their planner on the side which is labelled 'completed at home' and hand their planner in on a Monday morning.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo or by emailing the school office. If you wish to discuss something in person please let me know and we can find a convenient time for us to meet.

I would also like to invite you to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' session on **Tuesday 15th September** at **2.45** in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to talk through back to school and the expectations around Year 6, but also to answer any questions that you may have about the new school year.

I look forward to a successful year working alongside you and your child.

Jess Morris