

# West Pennard Church of England Primary School



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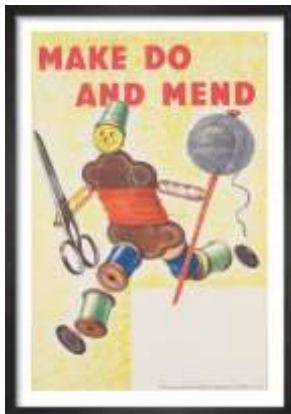
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer holidays. I am really excited to be teaching Year 6 this year, and to have the opportunity to work 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.

## 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.

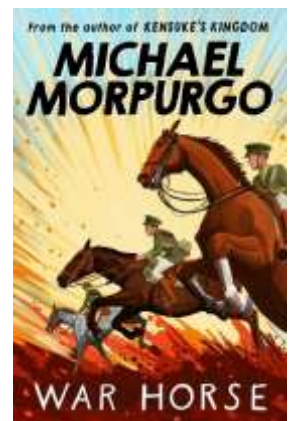
We have two trips to the Rural Life Museum arranged for this term, as well as a visitor coming into class, which will hopefully help to bring the topic to life in a engaging and exciting way for the children.

## 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. This year, in preparation for SATs, 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.**

Children will need their P.E. kits in school every day if possible, as will be continuing to do the Golden Mile twice a week. For the first half term, Year 6 will have P.E. on Thursdays and Fridays; two sessions with Mr Cave and one with a cricket coach.

Year 6 also have swimming lessons on a Friday this half term. They will therefore need **P.E. and swimming kit** in school every Friday.

## **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

1 x DoodleMaths Homework

1 x DoodleEnglish Homework

The work will generally be set on a Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Homework will be set on Google Classroom and should, on most occasions, be completed online.

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 30 minutes each time. They should mark the days that they read at home in their planner, and their planners will be checked once a week so myself and Miss Harding can keep track of their reading.

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

Jess Morris