

# YEAR 6



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

### Well done!

It's been a very long Autumn term and we're so proud of how hard the children have worked. We've been especially impressed with the positive attitude shown by all pupils and especially the determination to tackle areas of the curriculum that they found tricky. There have been lots of opportunities to take on extra responsibilities and we have had lots of feedback from adults in school telling us what a great job they have been doing!

#### MATHS

In Maths we've done lots of work to reinforce and practice our calculation skills in preparation for the arithmetic part of the SATs in May. We have been using written methods and mental approaches to build both speed and accuracy and to improve our scores each week. The children have also applied their maths skills to problem solving, considering a variety of strategies to finding the solutions to tricky questions. We have also looked over lots of the important vocabulary needed to explain our answers and ideas.



### Look What We Learned

#### ENGLISH

Children have taken as inspiration a range of texts including Goodnight Mr Tom and Wonder. The books provided the basis for lots of different writing styles. These have included story writing, persuasion, balanced arguments and biography. In addition, we have focussed on our skills in grammar, punctuation and spelling with sessions to ensure the children have a strong grasp of these technical aspects of writing. Our weekly spelling tests have helped support this and it has been great to see so much progress in the scores achieved. Finally, we have worked on comprehension skills, finding and explaining the information found in a text as well as improving the children's inference skills. Our reading homework has been huge benefit in supporting this.



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## More learning!

### SCIENCE

Our Science lessons have been great fun as we looked at electricity and light. We worked on creating a range of circuits and investigated how bulbs and motors were impacted with additional batteries. We learned the scientific symbols for each part of the circuit. When looking at light we discovered how rainbows are created while considering the difference between opaque, translucent and transparent objects.

### HISTORY

We've packed in lots of Topic work this term as we looked at World War Two and how this impacted children and those on the "home front". We spent time learning about the causes of the war and found out about life as an evacuee. The Blitz was another focus and we were able to watch contemporary news reports describing the devastation in London and other big cities around the UK. We also learned all about rationing and the push to encourage people to grow their own food.



## Other activities

### GEOGRAPHY



Our Topic work has taken us all around the world as we focussed on Extreme Earth and how countries are affected. We researched the locations of earthquakes and how the boundaries between tectonic plates are most vulnerable to these major events. We also had a weather focus as we considered the hottest, coldest, wettest and driest places on Earth. It showed that we're pretty lucky to live in the UK!

### SPORT

We've had a particularly energetic term with the Hampton College Cross Country and a number of sporting events. We were delighted to come first overall competing against all the Hampton primary schools as well as taking the first four places in the girls race.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we head towards a well earned rest at Christmas we would like to recognise all the children's hard work so far. Their efforts have already resulted in some fantastic progress. Finally, we would of course like to wish all our pupils and their families a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. We look forward to welcoming them all back, happy and healthy, on Monday, January 6th.

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Miss Shepherd*