

Class 11 and 12 Curricular Letter

WORLD WAR II

Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

First of all - a huge welcome to Year 6! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child into Year 6 and the final year at St George's! It promises to be an exciting and eventful year.

Over the following academic year, your child will be taught by Tom Norris (Class 11) and Georgina McVittie (Class 12). We are excited by the opportunities and challenges that we will face this year and are very excited to get stuck in! The Year 6 team will also include Carol Fairhurst, Donna Woods and Julie Turner.

All of the Year 6 team are incredibly excited for the year ahead, teaching your children who have made such a positive start to their time in Year 6! We have lots of exciting new topics to look forward to kicking off with, "WWII and The Battle of Britain".

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in and see your Class Teacher.

The Half Term Ahead

Science

How does light travel?

Art

Can art be thought-provoking?

RE

In what ways does having faith give meaning and purpose to the journey of life?

History

What if Germany had won the war?

Music

How does music connect us with our past?

PE

What role does the fielder play in winning a cricket match?

English

Can I write an effective opening to a story which is evocative and thought provoking?

Days to Remember

Thursday

PE - Cricket

Friday

Spelling test

Times table test

New spellings/tables sent home

ENGLISH

Our first topic is a novel study on Goodnight Mr Tom. During this topic we will read, enjoy and analyse a range of novels set in WWII. Throughout the unit we will be consolidating previously taught skills, learning how to use semi colons and blending action, dialogue and description within sentences.

Later in the term, we will complete a non-fiction unit on non-chronological reports. Our reports will be based around our learning on WWII and The Battle of Britain.

As well as learning new skills over this half term, Year 6 will be spending time looking back at their previous learning from KS2.

READING

Three times a week your child will take part in a Guided Reading lesson where they will be responding to a range of activities based upon the chosen text. Your child also has the responsibility to change their own reading book on a regular basis. If you feel that this is not being done, or believe that the books aren't suitable, please bring this to my attention. If your child reads their own books at home, please feel free to make a note of this in their reading records. In the new reading records there are challenges, goals and targets to achieve, please encourage your child to strive to reach these targets. Please also continue to spend time listening to your child read a range of texts (fiction and non-fiction) and inventing stories with them. This will have a huge impact on their vocabulary which will in turn broaden the use of vocabulary included in their independent writing.

MATHS

Throughout school this year, we will be teaching Maths using the Red Rose Maths Scheme developed by the maths consultants in Lancashire. This scheme applies all the key concepts of maths mastery and maths lessons will be structured in a very similar way to previous schemes used. However, Red Rose Maths uses a spiral curriculum rather than blocked which means that topics may be shorter but will be re-visited throughout the year.

We will be starting the half term on place value - embedding the value of each digit within 7 digit whole numbers before moving on to decimal numbers. We will then move on to Addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division to finish the half term.

*You can help by practising recalling round number bonds to 10, 100, 1 000 and beyond eg $750 + 250 = 1\ 000$
 $4\ 250 \text{ plus } 5750 \text{ equals } 1\ 000$. Please continue to practise times tables on a regular basis with your child, as knowing key facts by recall really does help your child in their maths lessons and assessments.*

Spellings

The children will be sent home with weekly spellings. In Year 6, we are now following the Red Rose Spelling scheme. Your child will receive discrete spelling sessions throughout the week where they will be taught a range of rules, conventions and a variety of methods to help learn their spellings.

PGL - Friday 18th September - Monday 21st September

Thursday 15th October - Class Call in

Homework due in - Monday 19th October 2026

Homework Celebration - Friday 23rd October 2026

Again, we would like to take this opportunity to express my excitement for the upcoming year with such a brilliant group of enthusiastic and hardworking children!

Please do not hesitate to pop in if you have any questions or queries. Alternatively, drop us an email:

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Many thanks,

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