

Dear parents and carers

Happy New Year, I hope you had a relaxing and peaceful break. Please make sure that your child is in on time every day as this is an important term.

Key Dates:

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| Class Assembly | Friday 31 st January |
| Ash Wednesday service | Wednesday 26 th February |
| Easter service | Friday 3 rd April |
| Parents evenings | Weds 1 st and Thursday 2 nd April |

Trips:

We will be visiting the RAF museum (dates tbc). Details of further trips or workshops will be sent out once confirmed.

Reminders:

- **PE:** Our PE day this term is **Monday** (Arsenal coaches).
- Please make sure PE kit is in on Mondays. The correct kit is a navy T-Shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, or black plimsolls for indoor lessons.
- **Homework:** Homework is handed out on Fridays and collected in the following **Wednesday**.
- Please make sure your child reads for at least **20 minutes per day** and records something in their yellow Reading Record (using the Destination Reader stems stuck in the front cover to help them). It is useful if an adult checks and signs at least once per week.
- Reading records are checked daily so need to be in school. They are also used to communicate with parents, so please do check for notes (and of course, feel free to respond).
- Links to support learning can be found on the Year 6 page of our school website: www.stjohnupperholloway.co.uk. **All login details are in homework folders.**

If you would like to meet me to discuss anything, please feel free to make an appointment for before or after school.

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'Love each other as I have loved you' - John 15:12



Year 6

Spring term curriculum letter



Our **science** topic this term is
Evolution and Inheritance
Why are living things so diverse?



Our **Humanities** topic this term is
World War 2
What was it like to live through WW2?



Humanities

What was it like to live through WW2?

This term we will be building on our previous (Year 4) learning about World War 2 and exploring the Battle of Britain in more detail – understanding why it was a significant turning point in British history. We'll become familiar with the location of the countries involved in the beginning of the war and why this was important. We'll also look at some of the key moments of the war, using different sources to find information. In a sensitive and age-appropriate manner we will learn about Anne Frank and the Holocaust and look more closely at the roles of different groups (including women and the French Resistance).

Art and DT

Design and Technology will see us cooking up some 'rationed recipes' – making World War 2 dishes sticking strictly to the rations of the day.

In Art, Picasso's *Guernica* will be inspiring us to improve our skills and create some fabulous drawings.

Music

Our first unit is based on the song *Happy* and we'll be singing songs, improvising and playing instrumental parts. In our next unit we'll be getting jazzy and learning to play and improvise tunes.

PSHE

Through our 'Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco' unit we will learn about the risks involved and how to assess and manage these. Linked to our Humanities topic, we will look at Human Rights and think about refugees.

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Literacy

Please ensure your child is practising their statutory spellings – a few every day. We'll be continuing to learn about, identify and use a range of grammar and punctuation to improve our writing.

Some of our literacy this term will be linked to our Humanities or science topics. We'll be exploring a range of fiction texts related to World War 2 and focusing on narrative – stories, character descriptions and letters. We'll also be doing some persuasive writing and some non-fiction writing linked to WW2. Researching scientists and what they discovered will give us lots of material for reports and biographies.

RE

Our first topic explores what it means to be a Buddhist – understanding how Buddhists express their faith and comparing it to how we practise our own faiths. Later we'll look at the Anglican Church and the different ways Christians choose to worship. We'll also look at what happens in church over the most important Christian festival – Easter.

PE

This term Year 6 will be working with the Arsenal coaches who will be developing different aspects of football training and building on their already great teamwork.

Science

Why are living things so diverse?

Through our fascinating 'Evolution & Inheritance' topic we will explore how and why living things have changed over time and how we know about this. We will find out how different living things have adapted and survived, and why we don't look exactly like our parents. Linking to Literacy we'll find out about some of the scientists who made many of these interesting discoveries, carrying out research and doing some writing.

Maths

It is really important that children are fluent in their times tables up to 12x12 (and corresponding divisions) as these are the building blocks for the maths curriculum. Daily practice is essential. Our maths topics will include measurement and conversion, algebra, shape, co-ordinates, translation and reflection, area, perimeter and volume. We will be practising getting speedier with our arithmetic as well as lots of problem solving.

Computing

Our 'Spreadsheets' unit will help us to create different types of spreadsheets including to answer probability questions and to plan pocket money spending – parents be prepared!

In 'Networks' we'll find out about our school network and do some codebreaking using Raspberry Pi.

Spanish

By the end of this term we will be able to name colours, numbers, classroom objects, days of the week and body parts in Spanish.