



AUTUMN NEWS

Events:

- Friday 14th September—Y6 Mass in School at 9.30am.
- Thursday 27th September - Y6 Victorian Wow Day.
- Tuesday 2nd October—Y6 Science in the Park from 1pm.
- Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th October - Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm.
- Wednesday 10th October - Inset Day
- Monday 22nd October - Briars Parents meeting in the school hall at 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 24th October - KS2 Choral Speaking performance.
- Friday 26th October - French Friday.
- Friday 26th October - Break up for half term.
- Monday 5th November - Back to school.
- Wednesday 7th November – Y6 at the Briars, returning Friday 9th November.



DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

WELCOME BACK

We hope you had an enjoyable summer break with your families and are looking forward to a very busy term.

R.E

The first RE topic of the year is 'Loving' where we learn about how we show love and care to those around us, and how God shows us unconditional love. We will relate scripture to how we live our lives today, following Jesus' example. Our second topic is 'Vocation and Commitment', where we will focus on how Christians make a commitment to God and how this shapes our lives.

Literacy

This half term we will be using the text *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross MacKenzie. The children will be creating their



Ross MacKenzie—*The Nowhere Emporium*

own 'rooms of Wonder', historical flashbacks linked to our Victorians topic and eye witness reports based on the text. It is a fantastic book that the children will thoroughly enjoy. In the second half-term we will be working with a book called *Trash* by Andy Mulligan and *The Children of Winter*, which is based upon the Plague in Eyam. These books are readily available in the library and it would be great if the children could begin to read them and familiarise themselves with the books.

WHAT IS MY MISSION?

Maths

At the start of this term we will be covering number and place value, Roman numerals and addition and subtraction problem solving. We will then cover multiplication, division and ge-

ometry, including reflection and translation. The children will continue to be set weekly Mathematics challenges as part of their homework, as well as the Maths questions on the weekly homework sheet. These activities help support the learning taking place in class.

Homework

Homework will go out on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. It will range from Maths problem solving, reading activities/games, spelling, punctuation and research for the coming weeks.

We ask that you check your child's work and initial it before it comes back to school. It is expected that children in Year Six should read every night for approximately 20 minutes (including reading aloud), and will be asking you to record their reading in the school organiser on a daily basis (including independent reading).

The homework set is directly linked to our work in class and it is very important that your child completes their homework on time.

Spellings and times tables will be tested on a Thursday.



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Topic

Our topic for the first half-term is the Victorians, with our overall question 'What was it like to live in Victorian Time?' Each week we will explore a separate area of the Victorians. This is to encourage the children to think about and carefully reason their own answers based on historical sources.

Following the half-term break we dive straight into our 'Plague' topic. This is based around our residential visit to the Briars. We will visit the village of Eyam, which, upon the outbreak of the plague, bravely shut itself off from the rest of the world in order to prevent the spread of the dreaded disease. We will base our writing on the experience of Eyam and consider the moral implications of their actions. Finally, we will link the plague to contemporary outbreaks given its high profile importance in recent years.

Science

In Science we will be investigating and finding out about Living Things. This will involve learning how to separate materials before planning and conducting our own practical experiments. This will be a great opportunity for the children to take part in group work and plan a fair test. Science will provide the children with the important skills of making predictions, analysing results, identifying anomalies and evaluating data.

PE

PE will be taking place every Thursday afternoon. It is essential that the children bring in their own PE kit at the beginning of half term and can be brought home at the end of half term. A list of the PE kit can be found in your child's school organiser. PE is part of the National Curriculum and so it is important that every child takes part. If a child does not bring their kit into school, the school office will call parents to arrange a PE kit to be dropped off in school.

Computing

In Computing the children are going to be designing their own app. They will be planning, designing, programming, debugging and marketing their app. First, they will look at the features of a phone/mobile device and how they work, i.e. GPS. This will give the children a basis to design their games.



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Year 6 Team

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a very successful Autumn term.

Mr Dickie, Miss Lambert, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Glancy and Mr Bartle

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