

# Year 6 Learning Letter (Autumn 2)

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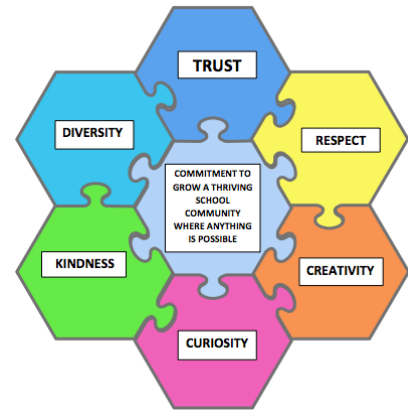


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## Year 6's Learning News

We will continue to embed the BPS values into all that we do. For example, creativity will be visible in our music and dance lessons. Meanwhile, we continuously discuss the importance of: respect; tolerance of different beliefs and diversity, throughout our work on WW2.



### Upcoming Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 ASSESSMENT WEEK.
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Individual photos day
- 9<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 height and weight checks
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November - National Ant-Bullying Week
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children In Need
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Arithmetic Parent Learning Session in Langdon A, 2.30pm
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - CHRISTMAS FAIR
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 Science days
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Learning Conversations
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Parent Learning Conversations - no school for children
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - WWII parade for Y6 parents at 2pm in the hall
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Party
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - school breaks up for Christmas at 2pm.

### What we will be learning...with top learning tips

**Reading...** This half term, we have moved to Whole Class Guided Reading. We will be exploring a variety of texts: fiction, non-fiction and poetry. There will be plenty of opportunities to work together to unpick the texts and discuss our thoughts on them. By working collaboratively, we will answer a range of comprehension questions.

Learning Top Tip from William H: "You can use your finger or a ruler to keep track of what you are reading."

**Maths...** We will continue to have a weekly arithmetic lesson with Miss Upson on Monday afternoons in addition to daily 5 minute challenges. We will learn about a variety of mathematical concepts - measures, shapes, co-ordinates, algebra and angles to name but a few! Learning Top Tip- Roland explains, "To convert a fraction into a decimal, you can divide the numerator by the denominator using the bus stop method."

**Writing and grammar...** We will continue to have a weekly SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) lesson with Mrs Farmer on Monday afternoons in addition to having a daily handwriting, spelling and vocabulary focus at the beginning of every English lesson. We will be exploring significant figures from the WW2 era and ultimately writing a biography about our chosen person of interest. We will be using Talk 4 Writing and text trifles to help us learn the ingredients/features of this text type before attempting to plan and write our own.

Learning Top Tip from Lily: "Always use brackets, commas or dashes to mark parenthesis in your writing."

## What we will be learning...



**“Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential.”**

Winston Churchill

**Science** - In science this half term we will be continuing to look at Light and Electricity. We will focus on electrical symbols, keeping safe around electricity, circuits and undertaking scientific investigations.

**History** - We will be exploring and studying a range of artefacts to find out more about what life was like during WW2. We will also make use of our history lessons to find out about significant figures during this time period to assist us with biographical writing in our English lessons.

**PE** - In indoor P.E, with Miss Upson, the children will be learning all about the Lindy Hop. They will work independently, with a partner and as part of a small group to create an energetic and exciting dance routine which will be performed at our VE Day Parade.

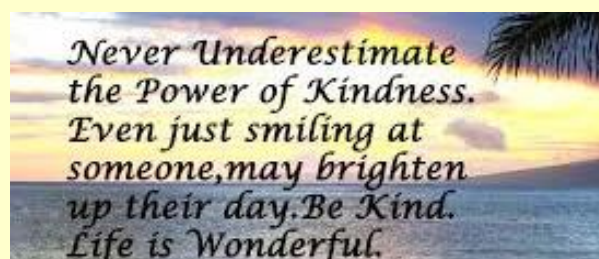
During outdoor P.E with either Mr Gough and/or a sports coach, Year 6 will be perfecting their attacking and defending skills related to team games.

**French** - The children will revise key vocabulary and phrases they've previously learnt before moving on to learning a wider range of vocabulary, including words related to WW2.

**Music** - The children will explore the lyrics and meanings behind a variety of songs that were sung during the WW2 era. They will then learn to sing them off by heart whilst using the appropriate intonation, volume, pitch and expression. You'll be able to hear them during our VE Day parade.



**November is anti-bullying month.**



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## Home Learning ideas...

There are so many ways you can enhance your learning at home, here are a few suggestions:

- Miss Upson says, “You could get colourful and creative with your handwriting and spelling practice. You could write key words in bubble writing, on flashcards, in curly writing, in different colours...”
- Mrs Farmer suggests visiting the BBC Bitesize website to help you revisit the concepts we have learnt at school by reading about them again or playing the games.

## School Council News and Views...

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we will be supporting Children in Need. Please come to school dressed in non-uniform and with a donation to contribute to this worthy cause. We will also be holding a cake sale on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, so we welcome any tasty treats that we can sell. Thank you for your support.

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