



Year 6 – Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and I hope you have had a very enjoyable and hopefully relaxing summer break! I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome you and your child into Year 6 which is known as 'Anderson Class' due to the significant innovations into improving racial equality by Nottingham born footballer Viv Anderson who was the first black footballer to play a full international for England. I am really looking forward to getting to know the children and helping them reach their undoubted potential in this their final year here at Orston Primary School. Year 6 is without doubt an extremely busy and exciting year beginning with Flintham Show and a trip to Safety Zone all coming up before the end of September. As always, we will endeavour to make the year as exciting and engaging as possible as well as fully prepare pupils for the next phase of their educational lives.

The main focus of the Autumn Term will be the history topic of 'World War Two' trying to answer the question 'How was Britain under threat in 1939?' Over the course of the following weeks Year 6 will take an enquiry-based look at the causes of WW2, the major powers and leaders involved, evacuation, the Battle of Britain and the Blitz, the role of women, propaganda as well as looking at the legacy of WW2 in Britain and the world today.

An outline of the key areas of learning for the term is highlighted in the table at the end of this letter and in addition to the English units listed we will continue to follow Sounds and Syllables for spelling and have a specific grammar session every week on Monday.

Year 6 PE sessions will initially take place on Monday and Friday afternoons. For PE, children will need to come dressed in appropriate school PE kit on these days which is a red or white t-shirt; black, plain black or dark tracksuit bottoms or leggings; a red school hoodie and trainers.

In Year 6 homework will also be weekly and will be given out each Friday and will need to be completed for the following Thursday. However, due to the 11+ examinations homework will not begin until after these are completed.

Finally, Year 6 are given an Orston Planner instead of a reading diary. The planner is an important tool in preparing children for secondary school as well as ensuring effective home school communication. It acts similarly to a daily diary but is also packed full of important and useful information to help children in their learning



journey in Year 6. Planners will be collected in every Thursday morning and children will need to ensure that they have read **a minimum of 5 times a week** as well as having their diary signed by a parent before it is handed in. There will be rewards for those that read every single day over each half term in school.

I look forward to a fantastic term and year ahead and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Kind Regards,

Mr Marriott.



English Units/Texts	Maths	Science	Foundation Subjects
Carries War – Nina Bawden Visual Literacy Biographies – Winston Churchill Rose Blanche by Roberto Innocenti The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne Whole Class Reading Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian Whole Class Reading	Place Value Number Operations: Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division Fractions (Unit A and Unit B) Geometry – Position and Direction	Living Things and Habitats Light	History – How was Britain under threat in 1939? (WW2 – Focus) Art – Henry Moore and Blitz based collages DT – Come Dine With Me Computing – Computer systems and Networks and Introduction to Spreadsheets RHE/PSHE – AREP (Anti Racism Project) How do the media influence people? PE – Football, Lacrosse, Gym, Hockey RE – What was Kindertransport? French – Greetings and Numbers Music – Rhythmic Devices and Structures

