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Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2

Wow! We have all enjoyed a successful start back to school, kick started our learning and had lots of fun along the way. The children have come back to school settled and ready to learn, and it has certainly paid off over the last 6 weeks. Throughout Term 1, we learned about grid referencing and map skills in Geography, explored the Five Kingdoms of Life in Science and looked closely at how Religion and Science can complement each other through their theories and show conflict. Next term, Year 6 will begin their 'Plymouth and the Blitz' area of study, which has particular links to History. The children will explore how people living in Plymouth experienced a turbulent period of the Second World War, and how the city recovered and was rebuilt following the devastation caused by relentless bombing.

In **History**, we'll be learning to:

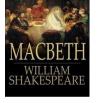
- Investigate primary sources and understanding how these can inform about historical events
- Explore why the Blitz was so significant
- Explore the impact of the Blitz on everyday Plymothians
- Understand the similarities and differences of children's experiences during World War II and the wars children live in today
- Explore what life was like for an evacuee
- Compare the roles of men and women during the war

In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the genre of 'Plays,' where they will read the wonderful text 'Macbeth,' by William Shakespeare. In their Whole Class Reading sessions, the children in 6HR, 6PH and 6VW will begin studying the enchanting novel 'Rooftoppers,' by Katherine Rundell.

In Maths, the children will be learning about multiplicative reasoning where they will begin multiplying fractions. Then, before the end of Term 2, they will begin their study on geometric reasoning where they will build upon and consolidate their shape, space, and measure knowledge.

Finally, in **Science**, the children will be learning about 'Evolution,' where they will explore the discoveries of Charles Darwin, who changed the nature of biology by learning that all creatures adapt to their surroundings.







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Learning at Home

In Year 6, the homework expectations include reading five times a week, you can support your child by recording these reads on BoomReader. Your child will also need to ensure they are practicing a weekly set of spellings using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. Home Learning Books must be in school every day please and will be marked each Thursday.



Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

PE for Term 2 will continue to be on Monday for 6PH, 6HR and 6VW, therefore, please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on this day. Lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please.

We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on site on Monday 6th November.

Best wishes.

Mr Hahn, Mrs. Riseborough, Mrs. Way and the Year 6 team

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