

# Class 6

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 2



Dear families,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break! The class had a fantastic Term 1 and a great start to Year 6, producing some outstanding pieces of topic-based work.

This term, we go back in time to 1939 and to the start of the Second World War for our fascinating Battle of Britain topic. The children of Class 6 will play the part of an evacuee during the Blitz and experience how a child would have felt leaving their families and homes and trying to fit in with a host family in the country.

With an exciting trip and lots of creative lessons in store, this promises to be a very interesting step back in time to a very important part of British history.

*Mr. Colton*



## Term 2 Topic: *The Battle of Britain*



The over-arching theme for this term is history-based. The children will be finding out about the Battle of Britain, a pivotal event in World War II during 1940. Having experienced being an 'evacuee' for a day, the children will be further developing their knowledge of life as a child in World War II through story books, diaries, drama for writing and film narrative. Following on from this, they will be learning more about key events in the Battle of Britain over the coming weeks. The children will determine why the R.A.F were successful against their counterparts in the Luftwaffe and find out more about the roles of men and women during that period. The children will also be researching what it was like to live during the war and compare this to their lives today.

In the coming weeks, they will be creating propaganda posters, and designing and building their own model air-raid shelters. In science, the pupils will be investigating electricity and circuits; they will learn how to draw their own circuit diagrams and experiment with series and parallel circuits. They will trouble-shoot problems using their knowledge of how circuits work, investigate how electricity was used during the war and then design a circuit to provide light in their model air-raid shelters.

## Literacy and Numeracy

In literacy, the children will study the text 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes, alongside several other narratives and diary-based texts. Inspired by these texts, the children will have several opportunities to write in role from the viewpoints of an evacuee and as a newspaper reporter. Dramatic techniques will be used to help the children understand the different roles that people had in the war. They will then go on to look at the war through flashbacks, using 'The Piano' – a wonderfully poignant visual narrative. In guided reading, we will be reading a book about the Battle of Britain and a Spitfire pilot named Harry Woods.

Maths will once again focus on number (fractions) moving onto Geometry (Position and direction).

## Other subjects...

We will continue to follow the 'Real PE' scheme this term, which aims at creating positive relationships with physical activity for life. This will take place outside in all but torrential rain so please ensure children have warm kit as the weather gets colder.

After they have finished their unit of work on spreadsheets, the children will be designing and making their own apps.

In music, the children follow the *Charanga* scheme. French is taught on Wednesdays and Mrs. Baker teaches PHSE on Friday afternoons.

## Helping your child at home ...

Homework will be **given out on a Friday**. Throughout the term, the children will be given some topic-based homework where they will be expected to produce a double-page project on the given topic. We will always discuss ideas in class first and the children will be given suggestions for what should be included. These are a great opportunity for children to develop their writing techniques and targets and engage their metacognitive skills and attitudes – best efforts will always be rewarded.

Throughout the term, when they don't have specific topic homework, the children will also be given extra reading comprehension or SPAG/guided reading homework.

All homework is **due in by Friday** at the latest. Children should be encouraged to complete homework as independently as possible – we really want them to come and talk to us if they are having any difficulties so we can give them further support.

Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day – in addition to time given to reading in school – and be recording this in their reading record. Mrs. Baker will take in reading records every **Monday morning**.

Spellings will be tested every **Monday afternoon** – please encourage your child to practise!

Please continue to practise quick fire multiplication and division facts with your child as these play such a huge role in accessing more complex areas of Maths.

## Class 6 information ...

- Dates for your diary:
  - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November – WW2 Day at Holdenby House
  - November 16<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Sock Day for Anti-bullying week
  - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Film Night
  - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- PE: Indoor PE on a Monday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday – please bring warm outdoor clothing and trainers on Wednesdays.